

Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP)



An Overview



What is TEPP?

TEPP helps people with disabling conditions--hearing impairment, deafness, blindness, or other disabilities--buy equipment to modify their phone systems. TEPP helps cover the cost of: teletypewriters (TTY), amplified phones, amplified handsets and headsets, TTY with Braille or large visual display, voice carry over phones, hands-free speaker phones, and more!



Who Qualifies?

Wisconsin residents who have been diagnosed with deafness, hearing impairment, speech impairment, mobility, or motion impairment and need special equipment to use the telephone in their home or while travelling qualify for TEPP.

Income, assets, and age are not considered when qualifying for TEPP.



How Much Can I Save with TEPP?

TEPP recipients are required to pay the first \$100, plus any costs above the amount of a TEPP voucher; the voucher amount is determined by the severity of an individual's disability.

Telecommunications Assistance Program (TAP)



An Overview



What is TAP?

TAP assists individuals with paying the initial \$100 co-payment for TEPP--due to financial hardship and lower income.

Who is Eligible?

Wisconsin residents who have been diagnosed with deafness, hearing impairment, speech impairment, mobility, or motion impairment and need special equipment to use the telephone in their home or while travelling;

-AND-

Meet the financial eligibility requirements to qualify for TAP.

How to Apply for TEPP & TAP

How Do I Apply?

The TAP and TEPP applications are combined. To apply for TAP, you must fill out the household income section of the TEPP application and provide a hearing loss certificate. You can apply online at: tepp.wipfli.com or print out an application from the website and send it to:

USF Administrator
Wipfli LLP
P.O. Box 8700
Madison, WI 53708-8700

After you apply, you will receive a voucher in the mail; this may take up to several weeks. To use your voucher, take it to a TEPP vendor and purchase your equipment--similar to using a check. Be sure to use the voucher within 120 days or it will expire. For more information, visit: bit.ly/tepptap