

8775.0400 COMMUNICATION DEVICES; INITIAL DISTRIBUTION PRIORITY.

Subpart 1. **First priority: deaf and blind.** The first in priority are those eligible, deaf and blind persons having special needs, experiencing economic hardship, or meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 2. **Second priority: deaf.** The second in priority are those eligible, deaf persons having special needs, experiencing economic hardship, or meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 2a. **Third priority: speech disabilities or mobility impairments.** The third in priority are those persons with speech disabilities or mobility impairments having special needs, experiencing economic hardship, or meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 3. **Fourth priority: speech disabilities.** The fourth in priority are those eligible persons with speech disabilities having special needs, experiencing economic hardship, or meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 3a. **Fifth priority: mobility impairments.** The fifth in priority are those eligible persons with mobility impairments having special needs, experiencing economic hardship, or meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 4. **Sixth priority: hard-of-hearing.** The sixth in priority are those eligible, hard-of-hearing persons having special needs, experiencing economic hardship, or meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 5. **Seventh priority: others without special needs.** The seventh in priority are those eligible persons with a communication disability having no special needs, not experiencing economic hardship, and not meeting the household criteria standards.

Subp. 6. **Use of priority system.** Initially, the priority system must be used to determine the priority of eligible applicants for receiving telecommunication devices, for example, to establish a waiting list of eligible applicants. Only if allotted program money is insufficient to provide all eligible applicants with needed equipment may the priority system be used to determine which individuals will receive equipment.

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