

199—37.1(477C) Policy and purpose. The board has authority under Iowa Code section 477C.4 to plan, establish, administer, and promote a program to secure, finance, and distribute telecommunications devices for the deaf. The needs for equipment to allow persons with communication impairments to use the telephone are not being satisfied in Iowa at this time. A reasonable distribution program is desirable. All customers will benefit when access to the telephone system is available to more persons. The existing dual party relay service will be more fully utilized when more persons have the equipment necessary to gain access to the relay service.

The equipment distribution program will be limited by periodic budget amounts set by the board. When the budgeted amounts for a period are committed or expended, no further vouchers for equipment will be issued until the next period when the board budgets additional amounts.