

199—37.2(477C) Program structure. The equipment distribution program will be conducted by a program administrator chosen by the board. Distribution of equipment will be made through a voucher system utilizing private vendors for equipment purchases. Vouchers to pay part or, depending upon the price, all of the cost of equipment will be issued by the program administrator to eligible recipients. After purchase using a voucher, the recipient will be the permanent owner of the equipment and responsible for enforcement of any warranties and for any repairs.

37.2(1) Amount. The voucher will state a standard amount for a particular piece of equipment.

a. The standard amount shall be determined and updated periodically by the program administrator.

b. The standard amount shall be 95 percent of the average retail market price for the piece of equipment, unless the retail market price is more than \$1,000, in which case the standard amount shall be 99 percent of the average retail market price. The standard amount may be increased to 100 percent if a person demonstrates to the program administrator that the person is unable to pay the matching amount.

37.2(2) Voucher use. The recipient of a voucher may purchase equipment from any vendor who will accept the voucher and may apply the voucher amount toward purchase of the brand and model of indicated equipment as the recipient chooses. A bill of sale for equipment purchased prior to the issuance of a voucher shall not be reimbursed.

37.2(3) Term. The vouchers shall provide for a 40-day period to present the voucher to the vendor. The vendor, upon presentation of the voucher, shall have 60 days to complete the sale and delivery of the equipment and to return the voucher to the program administrator. The program administrator shall have 20 days to process and return the voucher to the board for payment. The program administrator, for good cause shown, may extend either the 40- or 60-day deadline, provided the voucher is returned to the board for payment within 120 days from the issuance of the voucher. Except for good cause shown, the vendor will not be reimbursed for a voucher issued more than 120 days before the voucher is returned to the board for payment.

37.2(4) Payment. The voucher is not a negotiable instrument. Upon presentation of documentation by the vendor as required by the board, including but not limited to a bill of sale showing an amount due no greater than the voucher amount, the vendor will be issued a state warrant for the amount due.