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SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

0. DISCOUNTED SERVICE FOR CUSTOMERS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING OR SPEECH (Cont'd.)

4. The Term "Handicapped Person" when used in Connection with Persons having a Speech or Hearing Impairment which Requires that they Communicate over Telephone Facilities by Means other than Voice is Defined Below:

Hearing-persons with binaural hearing impairment of 60 percent or higher on the basis of the procedure developed by the American Academy of Otolaryngology (A.A.O.) as set forth in "Guide for Conservation of Hearing in Noise" 38-43, A.A.O., 1973; "Guide to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" 103-107, American Medical Association, 1971.

Speech-persons with 65 percent or higher of impairment on the basis of the procedure recommended by the American Medical Association's Committee on Rating of Mental and Physical Impairment to evaluate speech impairment as to three categories: audibility, intelligibility and functional efficiency, as set forth in "Guide to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" 109-111, American Medical Association, 1971.

Certification for Discount

Acceptable certifications are (1) those made by a licensed physician, otolaryngologist, speech-language pathologist or audiologist or an authorized representative of a social agency that conducts programs for persons with hearing or speech impairment in cooperation with an official agency of the State of New York or (2) pre-existing certifications establishing the impairment of hearing or speech such as those which qualify the handicapped person for social security benefits on the basis of total hearing impairment or for use of facilities of an agency for persons with hearing or speech impairment or for use of facilities of an agency for persons with hearing or speech impairment.

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