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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE

## 2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>OPERATOR SERVICE FOR THE DEAF (OSD)</u> – OSD provides an Operator function for TTY to TTY callers who need a temporary assist from an Operator for certain call types including Text to Text DDD calls, Station and Person to Person calls, Emergency Interrupt, Calling Card and general Operator Assistance. OSD is currently provided by the Telephone Carriers of NYS and is not part of TRS.

<u>RELAY OPERATOR</u> - Same as a CA. Use of the term Relay Operator has helped reduce "Hang Up's" by hearing people who receive a Relay call. The term Operator must be used on all outbound calls from NYR with the existing outbound greeting message.

<u>SPANISH RELAY</u> - Same as standard TRS service but with access to an Operator trained in Spanish. This TRS offering is for Spanish to Spanish callers only and is not a translation service.

<u>SPEECH TO SPEECH</u> - A TRS Service using a separate 800 type number which allows certain Speech Disabled callers to access a specially trained Relay Operator who can interpret the speech patterns and relay the voiced words to the non impaired party.

<u>TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY SERVICE (TRS)</u> – Telephone transmission services that provide the ability for an individual who has a hearing or speech impairment to engage in communication by wire or radio with a hearing individual in a manner that is functionally equivalent to the ability of an individual who does not have a hearing or speech impairment to communicate using voice communication services by wire or radio. TRS includes services that enable two-way communication between an individual who uses a text telephone or other non-voice terminal device and an individual who does not.

<u>TEXT TELEPHONE (TTY or TT)</u> - Machine that employs graphic communication in the transmission of coded signals through a wire or radio communications system. TTY supersedes the term "TDD" or "telecommunications device for the deaf".

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