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TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE

3. TRS SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

3.1 Communications Assistant (CA) Standards (Continued)

3.1.2 CA Training

The TRSP has a detailed CA training plan to demonstrate how ongoing CA training is provided. The provisions for CA training include, but are not limited to, ASL style and grammar, hearing and speech disability culture, language and etiquette, needs of individuals who are speech/hearing impaired, and operation of relay telecommunications equipment. Training includes both simulated and live on-line call handling. (In New York State, CA's are known primarily as Relay Operators.) The term Operator is used on all outbound greetings along with the existing NYR greeting message which may only be altered with approval of TAFNY. Appropriate portions of in-service training for CA's shall be provided by experts from the deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired communities in the field of language interpreting, ASL and deaf culture and speech impairment. Alternatively, the TRSP can demonstrate that such expertise exists on staff.

3.1.3 Procedures for Relaying Communication

A CA is prohibited from intentionally altering a relayed conversation and must relay all conversation verbatim unless the relay user specifically requests translation.

- a. TTY users may instruct the CA to voice in Standard English or word for word typed by the TTY user.
- b. CA's shall, when necessary, to the best of their abilities, let the TTY user know the non-TTY user's tone of voice.
- c. CA's shall keep the user informed on the status of the call, such as dialing, ringing, busy, and disconnected or on hold.

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