

By Electronic Mail

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Re: Certification for National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP)

Dear Ms. Root-Elledge,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is pleased to inform you that the Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, University of Wyoming has been selected to be the sole authorized entity certified to participate in the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP) for Wyoming. This certification to participate in the NDBEDP is conditioned on compliance with the interim rules adopted by the FCC for this pilot program. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.610(a)-(k). Your certification is effective for a two year period, as of July 2, 2012. With notice, the FCC may extend this certification for one additional year.

To assist you in your planning, we are sharing with you some information that we have developed in response to questions that have arisen during the certification application and review process. We ask you to review the following attached information carefully:

- 1) A list of examples of reimbursable and non-reimbursable NDBEDP expenses, as of July 2, 2012.
- 2) Questions and answers about participating in the NDBEDP pilot program. Generally, equipment-related questions appear first, followed by questions about the provision of related services and, finally, general program questions.
- 3) A recently released Order which conditionally waives Section 64.610(f)(2) of the Commission's rules. This section originally allowed NDBEDP certified programs to submit reimbursement claims only once every six months. The conditional waiver adopted in the Order now permits any NDBEDP certified program to submit reimbursement claims on a monthly or quarterly basis if it first provides timely notice to the TRS Fund administrator of its interest in doing so. (Certified programs wishing to submit claims every six months need not notify the Fund administrator because this is the default option if no selection of a shorter reimbursement cycle is made). A copy of the Order is available online at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0320/DA-12-430A1.pdf. We will provide further instructions about how to notify the TRS Fund administrator of your selected reimbursement cycle in the coming weeks.

We are working with Commission staff to establish an NDBEDP website that includes consumer contact information for NDBEDP certified programs, listed by state, with links to their respective

websites, if any. We expect your program's contact information will be publicly available in a timely fashion, and we will use that information on the FCC's website soon thereafter.

Congratulations on your selection and welcome to the NDBEDP! We refer you to two Public Notices released by the FCC today announcing the launch of the NDBEDP, your certification and the initial funding allocations based on updated state population data.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing or any component of the NDBEDP that pertains to your certified program, please contact me at (202) 418-1153 or via e-mail at Jackie.Ellington@fcc.gov.

Sincerely,

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