

Important Information Regarding Relay New Mexico



Relay New Mexico is a public service which guarantees all citizens access to prompt, professional and accurate communication through the telephone. Consumers of these specialized services, specifically individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing or have difficulty speaking, can communicate on the telephone via TTY, Voice Carry Over (VCO), Hearing Carry Over (HCO), Speech-to-Speech (STS), Spanish and Captioned Telephone in order to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

How Relay New Mexico Works:

Dial 711 or the appropriate toll-free number provided to connect with Relay New Mexico. A qualified Communication Assistant (CA) will ask for the area code and number of the individual you wish to call and will begin relaying the conversation. Generally, the CA will voice the typed message from the text telephone (TTY) user to the person on the other end. The CA then relays the spoken words by typing them back to the TTY user.

Specialized Services:

Relay New Mexico offers specialized services for individuals who have difficulty speaking and for Spanish speaking residents. Specially trained CAs are on hand to assist in these types of calls. Since Relay New Mexico offers a variety of services please refer to the website listed or call Relay New Mexico Customer Care for more details.

Captioned Telephone:

A captioned telephone works like any other telephone with an essential difference: it allows users to listen to their phone conversations while reading word-for-word captions of what's said to them.

Access to Services:

Both 711 and the 800 numbers are toll free calls and provide access to the same relay services. If you are experiencing trouble dialing 711 to reach Relay New Mexico, please call Relay New Mexico Customer Care.

All services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Consumers may place relay calls to English and Spanish speaking persons within New Mexico, across the United States and even internationally. By law, each conversation is handled with strict confidentiality. There is no charge to access Relay New Mexico.

To place a call using Relay New Mexico, dial 711 or one of the toll-free numbers below:

TTY: 800-659-8331

Voice: 800-659-1779

VCO: 877-659-4174

Spanish: 800-327-1857

Speech-to-Speech: 888-659-3952

Customer Care Information:

877-463-0994 V/TTY

402-694-5110 Fax

P.O. Box 285

Aurora, NE 68818

Email: RelayNM@HamiltonRelay.com

www.RelayNM.org

Captioned Telephone

Customer Service: 888-269-7477

To call a Captioned Telephone user, dial:
711 or 877-243-2823

Special points of interest:

Equipment Distribution Program

The New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NMCDHH) Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program distributes telecommunications equipment designed for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing. Equipment is distributed to qualified applicants living in New Mexico. For more information on the distribution program, go to www.cdhh.state.nm.us/tedp.aspx or call 505-383-6530 (Voice), 505-383-6541 (TTY) or 505-435-9319 (VP).

Emergency Calls

Please note that 711 is only to be used to reach Relay New Mexico. In an EMERGENCY you should continue to use 911. For emergencies, call 911 or your local emergency service TTY number directly. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all 911 centers have a TTY and are prepared to handle emergency calls placed in this manner. Relay New Mexico will make every effort to assist you in an emergency. However, it is important to understand that relay centers are **not** 911 centers and do not assume responsibility for emergency calls.