

# Telecommunications Program

## Who is eligible?

Manitoba residents who are profoundly deaf or speech impaired as diagnosed by a medical practitioner specializing in otolaryngology or an audiologist and do not have the costs paid through other provincial or federal programs are eligible.

## What is covered?

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living will provide assistance towards the cost of telecommunications equipment which allows telephone conversations to be conducted by keyboard and display terminal instead of voice. Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living will pay 80 per cent of the equipment cost to a maximum allowable rebate of \$428.00.

## How many devices can be claimed?

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living will reimburse one telecommunications device every five years.

## Is there a deductible?

There is a \$75.00 deductible on all claims.

## Example of reimbursement:

Cost of device	\$509.95
Less deductible	<u>-75.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$434.95</b>
<b>80% of \$434.95 is \$347.96</b>	
<b>Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living pays \$347.96</b>	

## How do I submit a claim?

When you pay for your telecommunications device, obtain a claim form from your supplier. Initial claims must be accompanied by a diagnosis from a medical practitioner specializing in otolaryngology or an audiologist. Please send the completed claim form along with receipt of purchase to the address below.

### **Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living**

#### **Ancillary Programs**

**300 Carlton Street**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 3M9**

**Phone:** 204-786-7365 or 204-786-7366

**Toll free:** 1-800-297-8099 ext 7365 or 7366

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