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Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Sirs,

I am a severely profoundly hard of hearing person. I use (2) hearing aids to communicate. I am also employed full time as a visiting nurse (R.N.) in a rural area. Recently my employer invested in digital wireless phones for all full time employees. This is necessary for the office to reach us with messages, receive prompt answers from us, for inter-disciplinary case conferences & contacting MD's. Because these phones are exempt from hearing aid compatability laws we have not been able to have me included in my office's standard means of communicating. It means delays in my contacting office, MD, peers etc. It means I have to locate a payphone with amplification or hope the next patient I see has a hearing aid compatable phone or one I can attach an amplifier to use. Often elderly pt's do not have these kinds of phones available. It also means allot of evening + wk (off hours) phone calls to co workers because they cannot reach me during working hours that I am on the road.

Please review the exemption & remove it for wireless phones. All phone service needs to be hearing aid compatable. Thank you for anticipated attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Foody

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