

This is in response to Sorenson's announcement:

>> One of the most significant recent FCC rulings is that a VRS
>> provider may require that its proprietary equipment be used
>> exclusively in conjunction with its own VRS. However, VRS providers
>> must obtain "informed consent" from consumers in order to restrict
>> their equipment from being used to contact other VRS providers.

My comment if the above is true:

I remember when I moved to Philadelphia and obtained phone service, I was asked for my preference for my long distance carrier and I could dial specific numbers if I preferred a different LD carrier. Similarly, with the TRS provider, I was stuck with the state TRS provider for intrastate relay calls, but I could use any TRS provider for interstate relay calls. And for IP relay, I can choose any IP relay provider for both intrastate and interstate relay calls. The same is true with TRS providers on intrastate and interstate relay calls from pagers. The above are examples of relay calls from land based phones, internet protocols and pagers. Why is an exception being made in the case of VRS with Sorenson and their VP-100 in their restricting their customers to use only Sorenson VRS?