

State	Eligibility Criteria	Assistance Provided	Level of Training	Level of Maintenance	Type of Equipment	# Equip. given out
AR	Residency, phone service, certified D/B, income \$50,000 or less, read Braille	Loan, states for 2 years, then becomes consumers. After 2 years consumers may reapply	Contract with qualified trainer	Maintains and upgrades during period it belongs to the state	TeleBraille, LVD/TTY, Deaf Blind Communicator	DBC 2
AZ	Certifying professional signs and completes the application. Must provide proof of AZ residency and citizenship/identity	Loan	Program staff provides training as needed	State offers no maintenance	Pac Mates, Telebraille, vTouch	1
CA	Must be certified Low Vision/Blind and HOH/Deaf by MD or professional.	Loan Program	CTAP provides training. Looking at longer, more gradual training for the DBC		Ultratec LVD - 135, Ameriphone LVD - 22, TeleBraille I, II, & III -17, Krown Vtouch - 5, Ultratec Pro 80 LVD 3, recently completed a field test of the DBC with mixed results	186
FL	Hearing & vision loss, read Braille, no financial req.	Equipment is loaned as long as person qualifies	Qualified Trainer	Contracts with Human Ware for repairs and maintenance	Deaf Blind Communicator	14

IL	Proof of ability to use DBC which is assessed by the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind	Loan program	Contract training by the Chicago Lighthouse for Blind	Program takes care of repairs, replacements and Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind does additional training and trouble shooting	Has given Telebraille in the past, but currently give out the DBC	Telebraille III serves 5 people, DBC serves 6, Telebraille II serves 2 people and Braille phone -1
KY	Certified disability as Deaf/Blind, access to phone service, state residency at least 1 year. No income limits	Owner	Contract with Relay Service Outreach or Certified Trainer	4 year warranty. Maintenance and repairs included	Telebraille - Pro 80 LVD - DBC - Low Vision braille keypad phones & tactile signaler	82 total devices since 1994.
MA	Certified disability by MA Deaf/Blind, access to residential phone service, residency	Owner	State contracts with qualified trainers	State offers maintenance for life, unless eligibility changes, move out of state or death	DBC, TTY - LVD, Pro-80, Telebraille	25

MD	Disability, 5 yrs or older, residency, landline phone, Receiving :SSA, SSI, SSDI, VA, food stamps, Med. Asst, Pharmacy Asst., Subsidized housing or 200% of poverty, excessive cost cause a hardship to purchase equipment	Loan, can be updated in 5 years, disability changes necessitates different equipment	Program staff provides training which will include: use of the TTY and/or text messaging functions, plus face to face upon request. The program does not support full menu functions, but will provide information to consumer	Program pays for repairs for 5 years if the user is not responsible for damaging equipment. No upgrades to software/firmware are provided	TTY/LVD, VCO/LVD Krown vTouch, DBC*, alerting device. *18 cell unit, unless another agency pays for the additional 18. MD Rehab Svcs and the Program may collaborate and provide a 36 cell unit	42* *not all DBC
MN	Residency, less than state median income, can't use a standard phone due to disability and has phone service, braille skills to use the DBC, technical knowledge to manage the DBC and will be assessed by the State Services for the Blind	Provides basic model only.	Utilizes State Services for the Blind for training. Will hire an interpreter as needed	Repairs equipment within warranty. No upgrades or maintenance provided	Qwerty keyboard and TTY modem, Telebraille	Less than 5

MO	<p>Certified by MD, audiologist, hearing instrument specialist or qualified agency, unable to use traditional telecomm equipment or computer equipment due to disability, residency, basic telephone service, computer and internet service for adapted equipment, meet financial income - adjusted gross income must not exceed \$60,000 for a 1-2 person household</p>	<p>Owner - new equipment or updated equipment/software may be provided every four years; exceptions made if disability changes or deemed appropriate by the program coordinator. Upgrades are provided for some software.</p>	<p>Training is on an as needed basis. Training is limited to teaching how the device/software is used and does not include general computer or keyboard training.</p>		<p>Refreshable braille displays integrated with TTY software, tactile pager systems</p>	5
MT	<p>250% of poverty, residency, certified D/B, reads Braille, must have phone</p>	<p>As needed basis</p>	<p>As needed basis</p>	<p>State will maintain through the warranty</p>	<p>LVD/TTY No request for DBC to date</p>	0

PA	Residency, landline phone, 6 yrs or older, ability to learn device, 200%/poverty	Owner program - equipment becomes consumers after drop ship	2 hours of training from the program. If more is needed will pay for training	Equipment has 1 yr warranty, then maintenance becomes owners responsibility	Braillephone, Krown vTouch, DBC	DBC 2
VA	250% of poverty, residency, certified D/B	Owner program - equipment becomes consumers after 30 days	Training is through Department for the Visually Impaired		Telebraille - 15, Pro 80 LVD - 38, DBC - 3, TTY w/ LVD - 9, tactile signaler - 18	65
WA	Residency, 4 yrs and older, read braille at grade 1 or 2 level	Loan	Two contracted trainers who deliver the DBC and train clients gradually. Trainers may train clients to use the WiFi service with the client providing a SIM card. Trainers may not troubleshoot	State will maintain through the warranty and will purchase extended warranty	Ultratec LVD - as long as their supply lasts, CapTel for low vision and hearing, DBC	24
WY	WY resident, hearing loss, \$190%/poverty (excepting disability payments and expenses)	As needed basis	As needed basis	State will maintain through the warranty	LVD/TTY No request for DBC to date	0



