

# Important Information Regarding Idaho Relay

# **Idaho Relay:**

Idaho Relay is a public service that guarantees all citizens access to prompt, professional and accurate communication through the telephone. Consumers of these specialized services, specifically individuals who are deaf, DeafBlind, 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 to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

# **How Idaho Relay Works:**

Dial 711 to connect with Idaho Relay. A qualified Communication Assistant (CA) will ask for the area code and the number of the person 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:**

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

# **Captioned Telephone:**

Captioned Telephone is also available and ideal for individuals with hearing loss who can speak for themselves. A captioned telephone works like any other telephone with an essential difference: it allows users to listen to their phone conversations while reading captions of what's said to them.

#### **Access to Services:**

711 provides toll-free relay calling. If you are experiencing trouble in dialing 711 to reach Idaho Relay, please contact Idaho Relay Customer Care. All TRS and English Captioned Telephone services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish Captioned Telephone is available daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. MST or 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. PST. Consumers may place relay calls to English and Spanish-speaking persons within Idaho, across the United States and even internationally. Handling each conversation with confidentiality is a requirement by law.

#### Dial 711 to access Idaho Relay

**Customer Care Information:** 

1006 12th Street Aurora, NE 68818

Relay@HamiltonRelay.com IDRelay.org

## **Captioned Telephone**

Customer Service: 888-269-7477 To call a Captioned Telephone user, dial: 711 or 877-243-2823

## **Special points of interest:**

# **Emergency Calls**

# <u>Please note that 711 can only reach Idaho Relay. In an EMERGENCY you should continue to use 911.</u>

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. Idaho Relay will try to assist you in any way possible during an emergency. However, it is important to understand that relay centers are **not** 911 centers and do not assume responsibility for emergency calls.

#### **Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program**

A household may be eligible for a telephone discount of \$2.50 per month if you live in Idaho, have phone service in your name, have a provider participating in the telephone assistance program, and have a household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Level. If you participate in the following programs, then you may be eligible for telephone assistance: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Apply by contacting your telephone provider.