

# Important Information Regarding Nebraska Relay

## What is Nebraska Relay?

Nebraska Relay is a public service that guarantees all citizens access to prompt, professional and precise communication through a 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. This helps ensure the ability to connect with family, friends or businesses with ease.

## **How does the Nebraska Relay work?**

Simply dial 711 to connect with Nebraska Relay. A qualified Communication Assistant (CA) will ask for the area code and the number of the person you wish to call and begin the relay call. Generally, the CA will voice the typed message from the text telephone (TTY) user to you. The CA then relays your voiced message response by typing it to the TTY user.

## **Specialized Services:**

Nebraska Relay offers specialized services for individuals who have difficulty speaking and for Spanish-speaking residents. Specially trained CAs are on hand to assist in these types of calls by dialing the number provided. Since Nebraska Relay offers a variety of services please refer to the website listed, or contact Nebraska Relay Customer Care for more detailed instruction on how a particular call is processed.

### **Captioned Telephone:**

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

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

711 provides toll-free relay calling. If you are experiencing trouble dialing 711 while trying to reach Nebraska Relay, please contact Nebraska 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 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. EST or 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. CST. Consumers may place relay calls to English-speaking and Spanish-speaking people within Nebraska, across the United States, and even internationally. By law, each conversation is handled with strict confidentiality.

#### Dial 711 to connect to Nebraska Relay

Customer Care Information: 1006 12th Street Aurora, NE 68818

NERelay@HamiltonRelay.com NebraskaRelay.com

## **Captioned Telephone**

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

#### **Special points of interest:**

#### **Equipment Distribution Program**

The Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP) provides monetary assistance to persons with disabilities. These persons will then use the financial assistance to aid in the purchasing of specialized telephone equipment. For more information, visit ncdhh.nebraska.gov/services/nstep.

#### **Emergency Calls**

Please note that 711 can only be used to reach
Nebraska Relay. In an EMERGENCY you should
continue to use 911. For emergencies, call 911 or your
local emergency service TTY number directly and not
relay. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
requires that 911 centers have a TTY and be prepared
to handle emergency calls placed in this manner.
Nebraska Relay will make every effort to assist you in
an emergency. However, it is important to understand
that relay centers are not 911 centers and do not
assume responsibility for emergency calls.