

Part 29. Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing; Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing.

§ 143B-216.30. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Part unless otherwise specified:

- (1) "Council" means the Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2) "Deaf" means the inability to hear and/or understand oral communication, with or without assistance of amplification devices.
- (3) "Division" means the Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (4) "Hard of hearing" means permanent hearing loss which is severe enough to necessitate the use of amplification devices to hear oral communication.
- (5) "Ring signaling device" means a mechanism such as a flashing light which visually indicates that a communication is being received through a telephone line. This phrase also means mechanisms such as adjustable volume ringers and buzzers which audibly and loudly indicate an incoming telephone communication.
- (6) "Speech impaired" means permanent loss of oral communication ability.
- (7) "Telecommunications device" or "TDD" means a keyboard mechanism attached to or in place of a standard telephone by some coupling device, used to transmit or receive signals through telephone lines.
- (8) "Volume control handset" means a telephone handset or other telephone listening device which has an adjustable control for increasing the volume of the sound being produced by the telephone receiving unit. (1989, c. 533, s. 2; 1997-443, s. 11A.118(a).)