

Making phone communication easier for people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or those with a Speech Disability



### Welcome!

New Jersey Relay & CapTel are free services that enable people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or those with a Speech Disability to place and receive phone calls.

Relay & CapTel calls can be made to anyone, anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except where noted. Relay operators and captioners are specially trained to facilitate the calls. All calls are completely confidential.

Explore the services in this handy booklet to determine which one best meets your needs!

Visit **njrelay.com** for additional information and educational videos.



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### Standard Phone Users

#### 711 or 800-852-7897 for English 866-658-7714 for Spanish

Yes, you, as a standard phone user, can easily call individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or those with a Speech Disability! No special equipment is needed!

It's wise to ask the person how they would like to be reached over the phone.

If the answer is NJ Relay, then dial 711 (or 800-852-7897 for English or 866-658-7714 for Spanish) to reach a relay operator. Provide the area code and telephone number of the person you wish to call. The relay operator will dial the number and connect you to them.

If needed, the relay operator will explain the process before connecting the call.

### Don't Hang Up

When you answer your phone and hear, "Hello, this is New Jersey Relay...", please don't hang up! You are about to talk, through a relay operator, with a person who is Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or has a Speech Disability.

This relay service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish.



### Support Service for Standard Phone Users

## Text Telephone/Teletypewriter (TTY) Relay Service

#### 711 or 800-852-7899 for English 866-658-7714 for Spanish

You can use a text telephone/teletypewriter (TTY) to communicate with anyone and anytime on the phone! The relay operator reads aloud the message you typed to the other party and types the other party's voiced message and background sounds, if any, to you.

This service is designed for people who are Deaf, Hard or Hearing or have a Speech Disability.

#### How Does TTY Relay Work?

#### It's simple!

Just dial 711 (or 800-852-7899 for English or 866-658-7714 for Spanish) on your TTY and a relay operator will answer with "New Jersey Relay".

Type the area code and telephone number you wish to call and type "GA" ("Go Ahead"). The relay operator will dial the number and connect you to the other party.

- Type your message on the TTY. Type "GA" ("Go Ahead") at end of each message. The "GA" indicates that it is the other party's turn to respond.
- 2 The relay operator reads aloud the message you typed to the other party.
- 3 The other party listens, then speaks. When they say, "Go Ahead", it is your turn to respond.
- 4 The relay operator types the other party's voiced message to you.

To conclude the call, type "GA to SK" ("Stop Keying") to indicate that you are ready to hang up.



This relay service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish.

For additional information about TTY Relay, visit **njrelay.com/tty**.

For information about a similar Internet-based relay service called Sprint IP Relay, visit **njrelay.com/additional-services**.

### **TTY Relay Support Service**

# **Captioned Telephone (CapTel)**

Captioned Telephone (CapTel) enables you to hear, read captions and speak during phone calls. This service is designed for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

#### How Does CapTel Work?

#### It's a breeze!

Placing a call on a CapTel phone is just like using a standard phone, but even better. Each time you use the CapTel phone to make or answer a call, you will be automatically connected to a captioning service.



This service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish.

#### Captioning service is available:

English:24 hours a day, 7 days a weekSpanish:8 am - 12 am, 7 days a week

For additional information about CapTel, including how to get a CapTel phone at no cost, visit **njrelay.com/captel**.

#### **CapTel Customer Service**

Press the blue button labeled "Cust Serv" on the CapTel phone or dial: English: 888-269-7477, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Spanish: 866-670-9134, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Email: captel@captel.com

# Sprint WebCapTel

Sprint WebCapTel is a free web-based service that allows you to read captions of the other party's spoken words on a computer, laptop, or tablet. You can listen and speak to the other party via any telephone, including mobile or landline phones. This service is designed for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

The best part about it is: no special equipment is required and there is no need to download or install anything. Everything is done via a web browser!

### How Does Sprint WebCapTel Work?

#### It's easy!

Simply sign in to your Sprint WebCapTel account on the Internet and enter your phone number and the phone number of the other party you wish to call. The captioning center will then automatically connect both you and the other party.



This service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish.

#### Captioning service is available:

English:24 hours a day, 7 days a weekSpanish:8 am - 12 am, 7 days a week

For a standard phone user to call a Sprint WebCapTel user, first dial: English: 800-933-7219 Spanish: 866-219-6803

For additional information about Sprint WebCapTel, visit njrelay.com/webcaptel.

#### Sprint WebCapTel Support Service

Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 12:00 am English: 855-871-8429 Spanish: 800-250-4290 Email: webcaptel@sprint.com

# Voice Carry-Over (VCO)

#### **711** or **866-658-7711 for English 866-658-7714 for Spanish**

Voice Carry-Over (VCO) is the perfect solution for you if you like to talk and read captions during your phone calls. When the other party speaks to you, the relay operator serves as your "ears" and types all the words that are spoken and background sounds, if any, on your VCO phone or text telephone/teletypewriter (TTY). Then you speak directly back to the other party. This service is designed for the people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

#### How Does VCO Relay Work?

#### lt's a snap!

Just dial 711 (or 866-658-7711 for English or 866-658-7714 for Spanish) on your VCO phone or text telephone/teletypewriter (TTY). The relay operator will answer with "New Jersey Relay".

Provide the area code and telephone number you wish to call and say "Go Ahead". The relay operator will dial the number and connect you to the other party.

- 1 You speak to the other party. Say "Go Ahead" ("GA") at end of each message. The "GA" indicates that it is the other party's turn to respond.
- The other party listens and speaks. The other party says
   "Go Ahead" ("GA") to indicate that it is your turn to respond.
- 3 The relay operator types the other party's voiced message to you.
- 4 You read the other party's voiced words on your VCO phone or text telephone/ teletypewriter (TTY).



To conclude the call, just say "goodbye".

This relay service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish. For additional information about VCO, visit **njrelay.com/vco**.

#### VCO Support Service

## Hearing Carry-Over (HCO)

#### **711** or **800-852-7899 for English 866-658-7714 for Spanish**

Hearing Carry-Over (HCO) is the ideal solution for you if you want to listen and type on your phone calls. You type on your text telephone/teletypewriter (TTY) or VCO phone and the relay operator reads your words aloud to the other party. This service is designed for people with Speech Disabilities.

#### How Does HCO Relay Work?

It's a cinch!

Just dial 711 (or 800-852-7899 for English or 866-658-7714 for Spanish) on your text telephone/teletypewriter (TTY) or VCO phone and the relay operator will answer with "New Jersey Relay".

Type the area code and telephone number you wish to call and type "GA" ("Go Ahead"). The relay operator will dial the number and connect to the other party.

- Type your message on your TTY or VCO phone to the relay operator.
   Type "GA" ("Go Ahead") at end of each message.
   The "GA" indicates that it is the other party's turn to respond.
- 2 The relay operator reads your typed message aloud to the other party.
- 3 The other party listens and speaks directly to you. The other party says "Go Ahead" to indicate that it is your turn to respond.



To conclude the call, type "GA to SK" ("Stop Keying") to indicate that you are ready to hang up.

This relay service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish. For additional information about HCO, visit **njrelay.com/hco**.

### **HCO Support Service**

## Speech-to-Speech (STS)

### 711 or 866-658-7712 for English and Spanish

This service is designed for people who have a Speech Disability or those who use an assistive voice device.

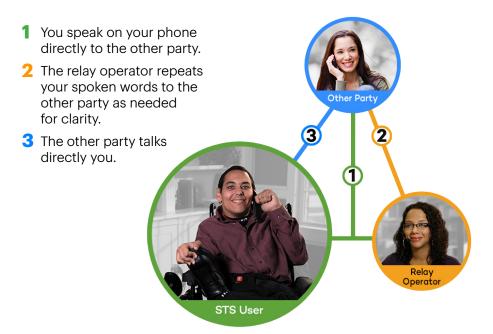
With Speech-to-Speech (STS), you can call anyone on the phone. A relay operator ensures that you will be heard and understood. No special equipment is needed!

#### How Does STS Work?

It's straightforward!

Just dial 711 (or 866-658-7712) and ask for a Speech-to-Speech relay operator.

Provide the area code and telephone number of the person you wish to call. The relay operator will dial the number and connect you to the other party.



This relay service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish For additional information about STS, visit **njrelay.com/sts.** 

#### STS Support Service

English: 877-787-1989 Spanish: 800-676-4290 Email: accessibility@sprint.com

# Video-Assisted Speech-to-Speech (VA-STS)

### 711 or 866-658-7712 for English

This service is for people who have a Speech Disability or those who use an assistive voice device.

With Video-Assisted Speech-to-Speech (VA-STS), you can call anyone on the phone. Using video conference technology, you also connect visually with a relay operator. The relay operator, specially trained to understand speech patterns and watch for visual cues, repeats your words as needed for clarity.

#### How Does VA-STS Work?

Follow these simple steps!

Dial 711 (or 866-658-7712) and inform the relay operator that you would like to make a VA-STS call. Then go to https://va-sts.zoom.us and the relay operator will give you a Meeting ID number to join.

Once connected, the Zoom screen appears on your computer. This is a one-way video connection in which the relay operator will see you. Provide the area code and telephone number of the person you wish to call. The relay operator will dial the number and connect to the other party.



This relay service is available in English.

An explanatory short video and step-by-step instructions are available at **njrelay.com/va-sts**.

#### VA-STS Support Service

English: 877-787-1989 Email: accessibility@sprint.com

## **TeleBraille Relay**

#### **711** or **866-658-7713 for English 866-658-7714 for Spanish**

You can use a TeleBraille device or TTY with a large visual display to make relay calls. This service allows you to read the phone conversation in braille or in a large font size at a 15 WPM transmission speed. If desired, you may specify a different WPM transmission speed to the relay operator.

The relay operator reads aloud the message you typed to the other party, and then types what the other party says to you. This service is designed for people who are DeafBlind or Deaf with Low Vision.

#### How Does TeleBraille Relay Work?

It's simple!

Dial 711 (or 866-658-7713 for English or 866-658-7714 for Spanish) and the relay operator will answer with "New Jersey Relay".

Type the area code and telephone number you wish to call and type "GA" ("Go Ahead"). The relay operator will dial the number and connect to the other party.

- The other party listens and speaks. They say "GA" ("Go Ahead") to indicate that it is your turn to respond.
- 2 The relay operator conveys the other party's voiced message by typing it to you.
- 3 You read the other party's voiced message on your TeleBraille device or TTY with large visual display, and then type your response, which the relay operator reads aloud. Type "GA" ("Go Ahead") at end of each message. The "GA" indicates that it is the other party's turn to respond.



To conclude the call, type "GA to SK" ("Stop Keying") to indicate that you are ready to hang up.

This relay service is available in English-to-English and Spanish-to-Spanish. For additional information about TeleBraille, visit **njrelay.com/telebraille**.

### TeleBraille Relay Support Service

## **CapTel Braille**

Captioned Telephone (CapTel) Braille enables you to hear, read captions in braille and speak during phone calls. This service is designed for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing who prefer to speak for themselves and read captions in braille. A dynamic braille display reader, landline telephone connection and Internet service are required to use the CapTel Braille phone.

#### How Does CapTel Braille Work?

#### It's a breeze!

Placing a call on a CapTel Braille phone is just like using a standard phone. With the CapTel Braille phone connected to a dynamic braille display reader, each time you use it to make a call or answer a call, you will be automatically connected to a captioning service.

- You speak directly to the other party on the CapTel Braille phone.
- 2 The other party talks directly to you while the captioner listens.
- 3 The captioner transcribes the other party's voiced message into captions, which are then automatically transmitted in braille on the dynamic braille display reader.
- 4 You listen via the CapTel Braille phone and read the captions on the dynamic braille display reader.



This captioning service is available in English.

An explanatory video is available at njrelay.com/captel-braille-880ib.

For additional information about CapTel Braille, including how to get a CapTel Braille phone at no cost, visit **njrelay.com/captel-braille-880ib**.

#### CapTel Customer Service

Press the blue button labeled "Cust Serv" on the CapTel phone or dial: English: 888-269-7477

Email: captel@captel.com

# Relay Conference Captioning (RCC)

Relay Conference Captioning (RCC) service enables you to actively participate in conference calls and webinars. With RCC, you can read live captions via a web browser on your computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device. You have the option of either speaking or typing to communicate with the other attendees. This service is designed for people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or those with a Speech Disability.

#### How Does RCC Work?

#### It's easy to use!

Simply complete an online RCC reservation form at least 2 business days in advance. You will then receive an RCC confirmation email. Approximately 10 minutes prior to the event (conference call or webinar), click on the link in the confirmation email and the RCC website will automatically open via a web browser.

- 1 The captioner listens and transcribes the event.
- 2 You read the captions on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile device.
- **3** To add your comments/ questions, you either
  - a speak directly to the other attendees via the teleconference bridge, or
  - b type in the "Message to Captioner" text box and the captioner then reads aloud your comments/questions.



This captioning service is available in English.

RCC is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

For additional information about RCC and to reserve RCC, visit njrelay.com/rcc.

### **RCC Support Service**

English: 833-250-2784 Please limit calls to this number for real-time captioning issues. Email: rcc@sprint.com

### TRS Customer Profile

The TRS Customer Profile allows you to store your call preferences, such as:

- Frequently dialed numbers
- Emergency numbers
- Preferred gender of Relay Operator
- Preferred announcement relay service

Customer Profiles help speed up the call processing.

To create a TRS Customer Profile, visit njrelay.com/profile.



### Support Service for TRS Customer Profile

# Voicemail/Answering Machine Message Retrieval Service

### 711 or any NJ Relay toll-free number

**Voicemail Retrieval:** When you request the relay operator to retrieve messages from a voicemail system, the relay operator will follow your instructions for dialing, pin entry, access codes, and/or system commands to retrieve new messages, play messages, save, and/or delete messages.

**Answering Machine Retrieval (AMR):** When a you request the relay operator to retrieve messages from an answering machine at your location, simply type "AMR GA" then follow the instructions from the relay operator.

## **International Relay Service**

You can make international calls through NJ Relay by dialing 711 or any NJ Relay toll-free relay number.

People outside the US wanting to call you should dial 605-224-1837 to reach a relay operator.

International Relay service is available in English and Spanish.



## NJ Relay & CapTel Outreach Program

Outreach Specialists are available to host NJ Relay & CapTel exhibits and booths at local and statewide events, including conferences, expos, fairs, workshops and town hall meetings.

We also give complimentary presentations, demonstrations and one-on-one training sessions.

Interested? Please contact:

Lori Timney Customer Relations Manager for NJ Relay & CapTel Phone: 732-440-8822 Email: lori.timney@sprint.com



Join one of our monthly webinars to learn about NJ Relay & CapTel services. The webinars are accessible with sign language, English interpretation, and live captions.

They're free! Our monthly webinars are available at no cost to anyone who lives or works in the State of New Jersey.

To sign up for a webinar, go to njrelay.com/webinar.



# NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NJ DDHH)

New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NJ DDHH) is a state agency that provides education, advocacy and direct services to eliminate barriers for New Jersey residents who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. NJ DDHH also promotes increased accessibility to programs, services, and information routinely available to the New Jersey population.

Qualified individuals may receive assistive communication devices free of charge through the NJ DDHH Equipment Distribution Program.

For additional information about NJ DDHH, visit **nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh**.



The Federal Relay Service is the contracted Federal Government Telecommunications Relay Service through the General Services Administration (GSA) for Federal employees who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or have Speech Disability.

For additional information about Federal Relay services, visit **federalrelay.us**.



# 911 Emergency Information

In the event of an emergency, dial 911 **directly** using any phone, including a TTY or CapTel phone.

You may use any of the relay services to call 911, but that will not be as fast as dialing 911 directly.

Be prepared to provide your full name, description of emergency and location.





New Jersey Relay & CapTel is a free service provided by Sprint and approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (the Board). Through a contract with the Board, Sprint provides full telephone accessibility to people with hearing loss. FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS ANYONE BUT REGISTERED USERS WITH HEARING LOSS FROM USING CAPTIONED TELEPHONES WITH THE CAPTIONS TURNED ON. Captioned Telephone Service may use a live operator. The operator generates captions of what the other party to the call says. These captions are then sent to your phone. There is a cost for each minute of captions generated, paid by the state telephone carriers. Internet-based CapTel is funded separately through a federal administrative fund. No cost is passed on to the CapTel user for using the captioning service. Individuals with hearing loss must complete & submit either an Equipment Distribution Program form or a Third-Party Certification of Eligibility form, signed by hearing health professional to be eligible for no-cost, analog or Internet-based CapTel phone. Although Cap Tel can be used for emergency calling, such emergency calling may not function the same as traditional 911/E911 services. Sprint reserves the right to modify, extend or cancel offers at any time with notice. CapTel callers are responsible for their own long distance call charges. Offer not available everywhere or for all devices. Restrictions apply. ©2020 Sprint. All rights reserved. CapTel is a registered trademark of Ultratec, Inc. Other marks are the property of their respective owners

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