

Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Voucher Values

The below table shows each voucher category and the description of devices offered under that category as well as the current and proposed voucher values. The far-right column indicates the qualifying disability categories for that voucher category. A more detailed listing of disability categories can be found after the table.

Voucher Category	Category Description	Current Voucher Value	Proposed Voucher Value	Qualifying Disabilities
Amplified Cell Phone	A wireless phone with volume control to adjust the loudness of the other person's voice. May have tone control. Must amplify by at least 20 dB.	\$120.00	\$99.00	HH or D
Amplified Phone	A phone with volume control to adjust the loudness of the other person's voice. Must amplify by at least 40dB.	\$180.00	\$160.00	HH or D
Anti-stuttering Device	Provides the user with Delayed Audio Feedback (DAF) and Frequency Shifted Audio Feedback (FAF).	\$1,495.00	\$1,495.00	SI and UMI
Artificial Larynx	A device placed on the user's neck or in the mouth that produces sound when the user speaks.	\$600.00	\$600.00	SI and UMI
Big Button Telephone	A phone with large dialing numbers at least 1/2 square inch, backlit dialing numbers, braille numbers or slots for picture insert dialing.	\$90.00	\$130.00	VI or B or UMI or CI
Bluetooth Cell Phone	A wireless phone with Bluetooth capability.	\$120.00	\$99.00	HH or D
Bluetooth Compatible Phone Device	A device that enables a user's hearing aid to work with a Bluetooth device.	\$200.00	\$230.00	HH or D
Bluetooth Hub	A device that enables a landline phone to work with a Bluetooth device.	\$230.00	\$220.00	HH or D
Braille Telecommunication Device	Same as the TTY, but the device can convert the text typed and received into braille.	\$6,295.00	\$4,595.00	(HH or D or SI) and (VI or B)
Braille Two-Way Paging Device	A braille device that may include a cell phone that allows specific cell phones to send text messages using a braille keyboard and braille display.	\$3,294.00	\$2,495.00	(HH or D or SI) and (VI or B)
Cell Phone Amplifier	A device that connects to a cell phone that increases the loudness of the other person's voice.	\$100.00	\$100.00	HH or D
Cordless Telephone	A phone without a cord so that the user is not restricted to a single location.	\$140.00	\$150.00	VI or B or LMI
Hands-free Activated Phone	A phone that allows the user to dial preprogrammed numbers and answer calls using a remote or soft touch or air switch. May have amplification.	\$550.00	\$450.00	UMI
Headset, Neck Loop or Cochlear Cord	A phone-compatible headset that may be T-coil compatible or a cord that is T-coil compatible or works with a user's cochlear implant device. Headset and neck loop may be amplified or Bluetooth compatible.	\$100.00	\$100.00	HH or D or UMI
Hearing Carry Over (HCO)	User types on a keyboard and hears the response on a handset. May have a display or amplifier.	\$279.00	\$279.00	SI
Infrared Telephone	A phone that can be operated by infrared transmitted signals.	\$1,395.00	\$1,395.00	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)

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Infrared Telephone Switch	A transmitting device that can be used to operate an infrared phone.	\$395.00	Deleted	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)
Outgoing Voice Amplification Telephone	A phone with volume control capabilities to increase the loudness of the user's voice.	\$150.00	\$150.00	WS
Remote Controlled Telephone	A phone that allows the user to dial preprogrammed numbers in sequence and answer calls using a remote. May have safety response features.	\$180.00	\$180.00	VI or B or UMI or CI
Ring Signaler	A device that alerts the user of an incoming call with a light that flashes on and off as the phone rings or a device that increases the loudness of a phone ring by up to 95 dB.	\$50.00	\$50.00	HH or D
SGD Eye Control Access	A device that connects to a SGD to allow access to a SGD using eye movements.	\$7,480.00	\$6,900.00	SI and UMI
SGD Head Pointing or Movement Control Device	A device that connects to a SGD to allow access to a SGD using head or other body movements.	\$995.00	\$1,495.00	SI and UMI
SGD Key Guard	A protective overlay that helps prevent inadvertent key activation.	\$150.00	\$125.00	(SI and UMI)
SGD Level 1	A hand-held device that generates digitized or synthesized speech using pictures.	\$900.00	\$949.00	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)
SGD Level 2	A device that generates digitized or synthesized speech using pictures that may allow for switch access.	\$4,000.00	\$5,095.00	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)
SGD Level 3	A device that generates digitized or synthesized speech using pictures that allows for eye control access.	\$7,995.00	\$7,295.00	SI and UMI
SGD Moisture Guard	A protective moisture barrier for a SGD device.	\$40.00	\$40.00	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)
SGD Mount	A device used to secure a SGD.	\$1,020.00	\$999.00	(SI and UMI)
SGD Phone Compatible Attachment	A device that enables a SGD to receive and make calls (including cords, cables, and kits).	\$310.00	Deleted	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)
SGD Switch	A device that connects to a SGD to allow the user to review and make selections.	\$245.00	\$245.00	SI and UMI
SGD Switch Mount	A device used to secure a SGD switch.	\$145.00	\$150.00	SI and UMI
SGD Wireless Card and Software	A device that enables an SGD to make and receive calls through a wireless service.	\$310.00	Deleted	(SI and CI) or (SI and UMI)
Speakerphone	A phone with a speaker built into the base.	\$150.00	\$150.00	VI or B or HH or SI or UMI or CI
Switch	A soft touch switch or air switch that is used with the Hands-Free Activated Phone.	\$99.00	Deleted	UMI
Tactile Ring Signaler	A device that vibrates when the phone rings.	\$160.00	\$215.00	D and B
Talk Back Number Dialed Telephone	A phone that vocalizes the numbers dialed. May have large numbers, volume control or Talks Back software.	\$430.00	\$420.00	VI or B or UMI
TTY	A device with a keyboard and display screen that can be used to send and receive conversations with another TTY user.	\$419.00	\$399.00	HH or D or SI
Two-way Texting Device	A text messaging device with a standard keyboard that sends and receives wireless messages.	\$649.00	\$699.00	HH or D or SI

Voucher Category	Category Description	Current Voucher Value	Proposed Voucher Value	Qualifying Disabilities
Voice Amplification System	A hands-free device with volume control capabilities to increase the loudness of the user's voice.	\$250.00	\$249.00	WS and UMI
Voice Carry Over (VCO)	A phone that allows the user to speak into the handset and read responses on a display screen. Some have a keyboard and handset with amplification.	\$250.00	\$279.00	HH or D
Voice Dialer	A device that allows the user to dial preprogrammed numbers by a voice command.	\$219.00	\$279.00	VI or B or UMI

Descriptions of Disability Categories as they relate to Eligibility

Blind (B)—Vision loss of 20/200 or less (or field angle vision of less than 20 degrees) in the better, unaided eye.

Cognitively impaired (CI)—A physical or mental condition that substantially limits a person's ability to dial a series of numbers or interpret information to the extent necessary to use a standard telephone.

Deaf (D)—Unaided severe-to-profound hearing loss resulting in the inability to benefit from telephone amplification.

Hard of hearing (HH)—Hearing loss severe enough to necessitate the use of amplification devices to hear oral communication over telephone lines.

Lower mobility Impaired (LMI)—A physical impairment that substantially limits a person's ability to get to the telephone because of extreme shortness of breath or because the person's ability to walk is limited or nonexistent.

Speech impaired (SI)—Inarticulate speech that substantially limits a person's ability to use a standard telephone. (Additional documentation is required, if you are requesting an anti-stuttering or a speech generating device.)

Upper mobility impaired (UMI)—A physical impairment that substantially limits a person's ability to grip, lift, or hold a handset, or dial a telephone.

Visually impaired (VI)—Vision loss severe enough to interfere with telephone use even with corrective lenses.

Weak speech (WS)—Inaudible speech that substantially limits a person's ability to use a standard telephone.