Presenting Remote Conference Captioning

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Equipment Distribution Program

Who is TAM?

- State agency located within the Maryland Department of Disabilities
- Provides assistive services and equipment for Marylanders who have difficulty using a telephone through
 - Maryland Relay
 - Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) program



Free service for Marylanders who have difficulty using a standard telephone.



Who uses Maryland Relay?

With Maryland Relay, anyone can use a telephone to make and receive calls, including someone who:

- is Deaf
- is hard of hearing
- is late-deafened
- is DeafBlind
- has difficulty speaking
- finds it difficult to use a standard telephone



Maryland Relay Calling Options

- Text telephone (TTY)
- Hearing Carry-Over (HCO)
- Speech-to-Speech (STS)
- Captioned Telephone

All calling options are available 24/7 by dialing 7-1-1.



Introducing Remote Conference Captioning (RCC)

New service available in Maryland!



- Allows people who have difficulty hearing over the phone during conference calls to read text of what all participants are saying
- Offers real-time captioning through
 Communications Access Realtime Translation (CART) service

Who benefits from RCC?

- Anyone who can speak, but has difficulty understanding a speaker during a conference call
- People who are Deaf or hard of hearing will benefit most
- Anyone relying heavily on conference calls, video calls and webinars due to COVID-19

You must live or work in Maryland to use RCC.



Schedule an RCC Call



Visit <u>HamiltonRelay.com/Maryland/how-it-</u> works/rcc-remote-conference-captioning



Complete the <u>RCC Scheduling Request form</u> RCC is guaranteed if form is submitted 24 hours in advance



Email confirmation sent within 24 hours

How RCC Works

- The RCC user completes a <u>Scheduling Request</u>
 <u>Form</u> online
- The RCC user receives a link to view text via computer or mobile device.
- The captionist accesses the audio portion of the call through a conference call bridge or other method
- Once the call is connected, the captionist listens to the conversation and produces realtime streaming text, which is sent over the Internet. The text shows up just seconds after someone has spoken.



RCC Features

- At any time, the RCC user can scroll up to review text
- Once the call is complete, the RCC user can copy or print the raw, unedited transcript
- Text can be customized with font and color options
- Live chat window to communication with captionist
- Also works with webinars and video calls

Promote RCC For Your Next Conference Call, Video Call or Webinar

Make your next virtual event more accessible to a broader audience by promoting the availability of RCC!

"Captions for this event are available through Remote Conference Captioning, a free service provided by Maryland Relay. To request RCC, please complete the <u>Scheduling Request Form</u>."

Add this language to your: Invitations, signs, flyers | Email blasts | Social media posts

For assistance with RCC, please contact Maryland Relay Customer Care at:

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