



Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Legal Auxiliary Services Program

The *Legal Auxiliary Services Program*, at the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) was created by the passage of Senate Bill 06-061 during the 2007 legislative session. The enabling legislation, C.R.S. 13-90-201 thru 210, established the program to centralize and administer the provision of qualified sign language and oral legal interpreters and CART (Computer Aided Real-time Captioning) providers as well as assistive listening systems for deaf and hard of hearing citizens involved in Colorado State Court proceedings. This legislation is exclusive of the City and County of Denver Courts as well as all Municipal Courts.

The information below is taken from Colorado Code of Regulations (12 CCR 2516-1)

The Commission shall coordinate and pay for appropriate auxiliary aids and services when a person who is deaf or hard of hearing is present as the principal party of interest or a witness for any stage of a court or legal assignment. These appointments shall include, but are not limited to:

- Civil and criminal proceedings.
- Court provided alternative dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration or other court provided treatment and services related to the disposition of a case.
- An administrative, commission, legislative or agency hearing.
- A hearing of a licensing authority of the state or any of its political subdivisions.
- A grand jury or jury proceeding.
- When a juvenile whose parent or parents or legal guardians(s) are deaf or hard of hearing is brought before a court for any reason.
- When a person who is deaf or hard of hearing is arrested and taken into custody for an alleged violation of a criminal law of the state or any of its political subdivisions.
- Probation pre-sentence interviews and supervision.
- Court-ordered mediation, treatment and services in any community-based and/or private program or service related to the disposition of a court matter or case. In such case, payment by the Commission will only take place when service entities submit evidence of undue burden.
- Meeting at the courthouse between an attorney and a client, when the meeting is an extension of a court appearance.

For further information about this program as well as links to enabling legislation and regulations, please visit the CCDHH website at www.coloradodeafcommission.com or contact:

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