

Public Comment Request: Wisconsin's State Plan for Assistive Technology

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1. Do you support the goals, and strategies to achieve these goals, listed in the State Plan for Assistive Technology?

Yes

2. Do you have any comments related to Goal 1: Awareness (Increase awareness of assistive technology and the WisTech program)?

Equipment re-use programs such as the Mobility Stores and Hearing Aide recycling are important resources for getting cost effective DME to older adults and persons with disabilities and can use additional funding.

3. Do you have any comments related to Goal 2: Sustainability (Ensure sustainability and quality of assistive technology services supported by the WisTech program)?

Add goals to encourage MCO's and health insurance companies to include coverage for AT services

4. Do you have any comments related to Goal 3: Knowledge (Provide professional training opportunities through the WisTech program)?

Support Web based training and other such training that can reach across the entire State.

5. Do you have any comments related to Goal 4: Universal Accessibility (Ensure universal accessibility of the WisTech program)?

I support any activity that can expand universal accessibility.

6. Are there additional underserved populations that were not identified in the State Plan for Assistive Technology that should be addressed?

Generally anybody on limited income but especially the rural areas where access is limited.

7. Are there any additional unmet assistive technology needs that were not identified in the State Plan for Assistive Technology, that should be addressed?

I see a need for additional funding for all 4 portions of the AT Act. and would support State funding to at minimum get Wisconsin back to the initial Federal allocation which was twice what it is now.

8. Please provide any additional comments, suggestions, or strategies to achieve our desired outcomes as identified in the 2018-2020 State Plan for Assistive Technology.

I recommend a new funding formula for providers that would consider numbers of customers served and the geographic area covered.