

# Assistive Technology Funding in Arizona: What Consumers and Service Providers Should Know\*

## Things to Know

### About the Individual

What is the individual's **age**?

- 0-3
- 3-21
- 14-21
- 21-65
- 65+

What is the individual's **income**?

- below poverty line
- low income

What is the individual's **disability**?

- learning disability
- developmental delay
- developmental disability
- traumatic brain injury
- physical disability
- mental illness
- military service connected injury

What is the individual's **purpose** for using the AT?

- achieve a free appropriate education
- reach a vocational goal
- stay at home as opposed to being in a facility

Will the AT be needed in a particular **place**?

- school
- primarily used in the home
- many environments

The programs listed in parentheses do not mean an individual automatically qualifies for these programs, but rather, indicate that there is a **potential** for the individual to qualify for that program. Therefore, by answering these questions, it may be easier to determine an individual's potential eligibility for a funding source or program.

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### About the Funding Source

Once familiar with the individual, there are some things that are important to know about the "Funding Sources". Again, the examples that are provided are not all-inclusive lists of the authority, agencies, terms, purposes, places,

process, key people or appeals process for a program, but rather, are provided to help the reader narrow their choices to determine the most appropriate funding source.

Under what **authority** is the funding source established?

- federal or state legislation
- waiver of legal requirements

Who is the **administering agency/entity** for the funding source?

- a private insurer
- Arizona Department of Health (DHS)
- Arizona Department of Education (DOE)
- Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

What is the **term** that the funding source uses to describe Assistive Technology Devices or Services?

- rehabilitation technology
- adaptive technology
- environmental adaptation
- durable medical equipment
- speech therapy
- physical therapy
- orthotics or prosthetics

Does the source require that the AT be used for a particular **purpose**?

- to avoid a developmental delay
- to reach an education goal
- to prevent or maintain a medical condition
- to prevent institutionalization
- to obtain or maintain successful employment

Does the funding source require that an individual receive services or use the device in a particular **place**?

- devices will be used at home
- services are obtained at a certain site
- services are obtained from a qualified provider

Who are the **key individuals** involved in the process?

- individual with a disability
- doctor

- family
- a regular education teacher
- therapist
- an equipment provider
- a rehabilitation counselor
- advocate
- case manager

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What is the **appeal process** if a request for AT is denied?

- fair hearing
- mediation
- administrative review

## Review of Important Concepts

It is important to know the following things about

**an individual** to help determine their eligibility for funding from various sources:

- age
- income
- disability
- purpose
- place

It is important to know the following things about

a funding **source** before determining an individual's potential eligibility for that source:

- the **authority** that makes the funding available
- the **administering agency/entity** for the funding source in Arizona
- the **term(s)** that is used to describe AT devices and services
- the **place** or primary locations where the individual must use the device or service
- the **purpose** for the device or service
- the **process** for getting AT devices and services
- the **key individuals** who need to be involved
- the **appeal process** if denied funding

