**Section 755.120 Equipment**

Before offering equipment as part of an equipment distribution or voucher program pursuant to Section 755.100, the carriers or ITAC, on their behalf, shall consider the following factors:

a) Whether the equipment allows persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, hearing-sight disabled, or speech or speech-sight disabled access to the telecommunications network to send or receive messages;

b) Whether the equipment falls within the scope of the Program pursuant to legislative mandates;

c) The financial impact on the Program and on the intended recipients of procuring the equipment, and the cost-effectiveness of the equipment;

d) Whether the equipment meets an identified need;

e) The ease of availability of the equipment;

f) The durability, reliability, and quality of the equipment;

g) The cost, ease, and feasibility of training persons, including disabled persons as defined in Section 755.10, in the use of the equipment;

h) The cost, ease, and feasibility of equipment repair;

i) The availability of warranties upon the equipment;

j) Ease of use of the equipment by persons with a disability; and

k) Compatibility of the equipment with other ITAC equipment and other telecommunications technology.

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