**Section 755.200 Disability Certification**

a) An applicant with a hearing disability seeking ITAP eligibility shall have completed by a hearing care professional, a designated counselor with the Illinois Department of Human Services-Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS-DRS), or a care coordinator with the University of Illinois Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) a standard form (provided by ITAC, on behalf of the carriers) certifying that the applicant is deaf or hard-of-hearing as those terms are defined in this Part.

b) An applicant who is deaf-blind or hearing-sight disabled seeking ITAP eligibility shall have completed by a hearing care professional, designated counselor with DHS-DRS, a designated counselor with any agency with which ITAC contracts to provide services for persons who are deaf-blind or a care coordinator with DSCC a standard form (provided by ITAC, on behalf of the carriers), provisionally certifying the applicant as deaf-blind or hearing-sight disabled as those conditions are defined in this Part. In instances in which deaf-blindness or the hearing-sight disability is certified by a hearing care professional, the hearing care professional shall make the provisional certification only upon review of medical records that confirm the applicant's sight disability. An applicant who has been provisionally certified as deaf-blind or hearing-sight disabled, as those conditions are defined in this Part, shall receive final certification only upon determination by a designated counselor with any agency with which ITAC contracts to provide services for persons who are deaf-blind that the applicant has the potential skills and potential ability to appropriately utilize the applicable equipment to make a telephone call.

c) An applicant who has a speech disability seeking ITAP eligibility shall have completed by a licensed physician, speech-language pathologist, care coordinator with DSCC, or designated counselor with DHS-DRS a standard form (provided by ITAC, on behalf of the carriers) certifying the applicant has a speech disability as that condition is defined in this Part. In instances in which the applicant's speech disability is certified by a designated counselor with DHS-DRS or a care coordinator with DSCC, the DHS-DRS counselor or DSCC care coordinator shall make this certification only upon review of medical records that confirm the applicant's speech disability.

d) An applicant who has a speech-sight disability seeking ITAP eligibility shall have completed by a licensed physician, speech-language pathologist, a care coordinator with DSCC, or a designated counselor with DHS-DRS a standard form (provided by ITAC, on behalf of the carriers) certifying the applicant as a person with a speech-sight disability as that condition is defined in this Part. In instances in which the applicant has a speech-sight disability and the speech disability is certified by a speech-language pathologist, the speech-language pathologist shall make this certification only upon review of medical records that confirm the applicant's sight disability. In instances in which the applicant's speech disability and the sight disability is certified by a designated counselor with DHS-DRS or a care coordinator with DSCC, the DHS-DRS counselor or DSCC care coordinator shall make this certification only upon review of medical records which confirm the applicant's speech disability or disabilities.

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