

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)?

Mobility Stores are an important resource for getting cost effective refurbished and new DME to older adults and individuals with disabilities. Additional funds are needed to publicize - advertise statewide.

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

I support these goals and encourage goals and activities that encourage MCO's and health insurance companies to be included in the delivery and funding of AT services

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

I support the goal and encourage web based training whenever possible

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

I fully support this goal

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

Older adults and people with disabilities as well as those who live in rural areas need access to affordable refurbished and new DME. Mobility Store re-use program needs to have funding to support expansion and delivery of services.

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

There is a need for additional financial support for all four parts of the ST Act. Minimum State funding should be restored through State Budget to the level initially funded through the AT Act which was twice the current funding level.

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.

Recommend a funding formula that requires numbers served and geographic area covered/number of counties served.