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## ABOUT IT !!!

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## **FREE TELITALK PHONE.**

Finally!! After over a decade of work by the FLA, Florida will join the ranks of other states that provide a free speech aid to laryngectomee residents! The TeliTalk Electrolarynx is a new speech aid that will now be given, at no charge, to laryngectomees in the state of Florida through Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. Griffin Laboratories developed the TeliTalk in 2002, with the cooperation of the FLA and FTRI. It is a design based on the TruTone speech aid, making it suitable for a variety of different neck placements, or use with an oral cap and straw. Information is available by calling **FTRI at 1-800-222-3448 for application forms**. For technical support call **Griffin Laboratories at 1-800-330-5969**. Now every laryngectomee in Florida who needs one, can have a phone with the electrolarynx attached.

## **WHAT A GREAT PROGRAM**

**WE WANT TO THANK THOSE PEOPLE THAT STARTED THIS PROJECT AND THOSE WHO HELPED GET IT THROUGH THE GOVERNMENTAL RED TAPE.**

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**FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY, INC.**

**SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATION FORM**

*To be completed in addition to the standard FTRI Application*

Although the client meets the eligibility requirements to apply for the FTRI program, the technology needed to provide basic access to the telecommunications system is not offered on the standard FTRI application. As a result, I do hereby certify that the client noted below requires one of the following:

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

**TeliTalk** phone with built-in speech aid (for clients who have had laryngectomy surgery)

**Tykriphone** (for clients with speech & mobility impairments who use a Dynavox system)

**Braille TTY** (for clients who are Deaf/Blind and proficient with Braille)

**TTY 4425 with Large Visual Display** (for clients who are Deaf and visually impaired)

**Select Screen Color**

Blue

Pink

Green

Rose-red

Amber

Yellow-green

Lavender

Violet

**CLIENT INFORMATION**

*(please print)*

Client Name \_\_\_\_\_

Client Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Client Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Client Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Client Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFIER INFORMATION**

*(please print)*

Certifier Name \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Practice or Specialization \_\_\_\_\_

Certifier Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Certifier Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Certifier Signature and License Number \_\_\_\_\_

FTRI Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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1-800-222-3448 for application forms. I have included a copy of the forms in this newsletter but, you must send or call for them. Now every laryngectomee in Florida who needs one can have a phone with the Electro larynx attached. Please, **DO NOT** use these forms in this letter. You must contact the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. or mail a request to them at 1820 Park Ave. Suite 101 Tallahassee Fl. 32301 They also have a web site. It is [www.ftri.org](http://www.ftri.org) This should get you all the information you need to get the phone.

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