



### **CapTel Phone Distribution Starting January 2008**

On August 21, 2007 – The Georgia Public Service Commission announced plans to implement the captioned telephone service and the addition of the CapTel™ phone to the state of Georgia. The CapTel™ phone will be available to eligible applicants through the Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP) beginning January 2008.

CapTel™ is ideal for individuals with a moderate – profound hearing loss, voice/ speaks for themselves, and finds it difficult to understand telephone conversations even when the call is amplified. The CapTel™ displays every word the caller says throughout the conversation as well as allows the user to listen to the caller. The CapTel phone requires connection to a standard analog telephone line (or analog port), such as is commonly found in households. You cannot connect CapTel to a digital telephone line. DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) users can connect a CapTel phone if the appropriate inline analog filter is installed between the phone jack and the CapTel. Inline filters are commonly available from the DSL provider. For more information on captioned telephone service, go to <http://www.captionedtelephone.com> or <http://www.hamiltonrelay.com/traditional/captel/index.htm>.

Residents of Georgia can apply to the TEDP by completing an application and submitting all required documents. Qualified applicants telecommunication needs will be assessed. Candidates for the CapTel™ phone will be able to obtain their phone through the Georgia TEDP program at no cost. To obtain an application brochure or more information call: 1.888.297.9461 (toll free) or visit our website at [www.gachi.org](http://www.gachi.org).