

POLICY

Title: CLOSED CAPTIONING

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Authority: E0100, F0102, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

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