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INTERNET CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES WENT INTO EFFECT SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Washington, D.C. -- Rules requiring distributors of certain Internet video programming to provide closed captioning to assist viewers who are deaf or hard-of-hearing went into effect on September 30.

Closed captioning is the visual display of the audio portion of video programming. These Internet closed captioning requirements were implemented pursuant to the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).

The rules currently apply to programming meeting all three of the following criteria:

- Programming that is shown on television with closed captions on or after September 30, 2012
- Programming that is added to the online distributor's inventory on or after September 30, 2012
- Programming that is not substantially edited for the Internet.

Closed captioning requirements for other kinds of video programming, such as programs that are shown on television live or near live, programs that are substantially edited for the Internet, and programs that are already part of a distributor's inventory of Internet video programming (archival content), will be implemented at later dates.

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