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Accommodations for Blind or Handicapped Bingo Players

Charitable gaming licensees have an obligation to be accessible to individuals with disabilities and provide accommodations that allow such individuals to participate in the games being offered.

In the case of Bingo, charities are required to adopt house rules that specifically address the availability, use and sale of special cards for the blind or handicapped players. For example, a charity may provide a vision-impaired player with cards that feature raised numbers and/or Braille markings.

The New Hampshire Lottery does not consider braille cards as “bingo paper supplies”; therefore, such cards may be purchased from sources other than licensed distributors.

To preserve the integrity of the game, a player should never be allowed to provide their own bingo cards, including braille cards.

Other options for accommodating disabled players include the availability of fully automated card-minding devices or permitting an aid to assist the handicapped player.

For more information regarding these requirements, please contact the Licensing Unit of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission, Investigation and Compliance Division at (603) 271-7613.