WAC 118-67-090 Handset-based location technologies. RCSCs that employ a handset-based location technology may phase in deployment of Phase II enhanced 9-1-1 service, subject to the following requirements:

(1) Without respect to any PSAP request for deployment of Phase II 9-1-1 enhanced service, the RCSC shall:

(a) Ensure that 100 percent of all new digital handsets activated are location-capable.

(b) By December 31, 2005, achieve 95 percent penetration of location-capable handsets among its subscribers.

(2) Once a PSAP request is received, the RCSC shall, in the area served by the PSAP, within six months:

(a) Install any hardware and/or software in the CMRS network and/or other fixed infrastructure, as needed, to enable the provision of Phase II enhanced 9-1-1 service; and

(b) Begin delivering Phase II enhanced 9-1-1 service to the PSAP.

(3) For all 9-1-1 calls from portable or mobile phones that do not contain the hardware and/or software needed to enable the RCSC to provide Phase II enhanced 9-1-1 service, the RCSC shall, after a PSAP request is received, support, in the area served by the PSAP, Phase I location for 9-1-1 calls or other available best practice method of providing the location of the portable or mobile phone to the PSAP.

(4) RCSCs employing handset-based location technologies shall ensure that location-capable portable or mobile phones shall conform to industry interoperability standards designed to enable the location of such phones by multiple RCSCs.

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