

Hearing Aids

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Summary of Changes:

~~10/9/2024: Annual Review, updated references to most recent edition reviewed.~~

Scope:

Description

This policy applies to all Humana Healthy Horizons in Louisiana (Plan) associates who administer, review, or communicate covered physical and behavioral health benefits and services to eligible enrolled members.

Policy:

Coverage Determination

Humana Healthy Horizons in Louisiana members MAY be eligible under the Plan for hearing aids when the following criteria is met:

- Individual under 21 years of age; AND
- Otolaryngologist documented significant hearing loss; AND
- Hearing aid provider documented significant hearing loss; AND
- Hearing aids must have a (2) two-year warranty; AND

- **Hearing aids should be expected to last at least (3) three years before replacement**

NOTE: A hearing loss greater than 20 decibels average hearing level in the range 250-2000 hz is considered significant.

~~Hearing aids are only provided to eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age (**Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment** (EPSDT eligibles) and approved only when there is a significant hearing loss documented by audiometric data from both an ear specialist (otologist) and a hearing aid provider.~~

~~A hearing loss greater than 20 decibels average hearing level in the range 250-2000 hertz (Hz) is considered significant.~~

~~Reimbursement is at the flat fee on file for the date of service. Hearing aids must have a two-year warranty and should normally be expected to last at least three years before replacement.~~

NOTE: Repair and batteries do not require prior authorization.

Coverage Limitations

There are no Coverage Limitations; see Coverage Determinations section.

References

1. **Louisiana Department of Health. Medicaid Services Manual. Chapter 18: Durable Medical Equipment. <https://ldh.la.gov/medicaid>. Published September 1, 2010. Updated June 25, 2025.**
2. ~~State of Louisiana Bureau of Health Services Financing. Medicaid Services Manual. Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual. Chapter 18. (3/18/2024. Accessed (9/30/2024). <https://ldh.la.gov/medicaid>~~

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Change Summary

8/22/22: Policy Creation-Approved by LDH for Readiness

5/15/23: Approved by LA UM Committee

9/11/23: Changed to new template for Annual Review Due by 5.15.24.

1/12/24: Minor changes made.

10/9/2024: Annual Review, updated references to most recent edition reviewed

09/02/2025 Annual Review, No Coverage Change. New Clinical Coverage Policy Template

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