



Getting Hearing Aids Through MaineCare

Q: I have full MaineCare, can I get a hearing aid?

A: Yes.

- **Under Age 21:** person can get two digital hearing aids
- **21 or Older:** Adults 21 and older can get 1 hearing aid if the hearing loss is 41 dB or greater and less than 90 dB. Adults 21 and older can only get a second hearing aid if both ears show a loss of 41 dB or greater and less than 90 dB in both ears AND they are working, in an educational or work training program or legally blind.

Q: Do I need a prescription?

A: **Yes.** You need a prescription from your health care provider (M.D., D.O., P.A. or A.P.R.N.) that was done within the last 6 months. If you are over 21, MaineCare will also have to Prior Authorize the hearing aids. Your hearing aid dealer will take care of the paperwork. If you are under 21 generally you don't need a prior authorization to get a hearing aid.

Q: What if I am in a "retirement" or "nursing" home? Can I get hearing aids?

A: **Yes.** People living in a licensed Nursing Facility (NF Section 67) or in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with intellectual disability (ICF-IID Section 50) are eligible for hearing aids but must follow the same rules outlined above.

Q: Can I go to any audiologist or hearing aid center to get hearing aids?

A: **No.** Not all audiologists or hearing aid centers serve MaineCare members. Make sure that you go to a MaineCare hearing aid provider.

Q: What if they break or I need new hearing aids?

A: People under the age of 21 can get annual replacement of hearing aids if it is medically necessary. People 21 or older can only get replacement every 5 years unless there is a medically necessary reason such as a marked decline in hearing. Aids that are lost or negligently cared for will not be replaced except after 5 years

**MaineCare pays for 6 replacement batteries per month.*