

REFERENCE TITLE: insurance coverage; hearing aids; children

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Introduced by
Representative Willoughby

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 20, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 20-1057.21; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 20, chapter 4, article 9, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 20-1057.21, to read:
4 20-1057.21. Hearing aids; evidences of coverage; children;
5 definitions
6 A. A HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION THAT ISSUES, AMENDS,
7 DELIVERS OR RENEWS AN EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE FOR
8 ANY HEARING AID AND RELATED SERVICE FOR AN ENROLLEE WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN
9 YEARS OF AGE OR WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE IF THE ENROLLEE IS
10 STILL ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL.
11 B. A HEALTH CARE SERVICES ORGANIZATION MAY MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE
12 ENROLLEE THE OPTION OF PURCHASING ADDITIONAL HEARING AID COVERAGE THAT
13 EXCEEDS THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.
14 C. THE HEARING AID COVERAGE SHALL INCLUDE FITTING AND DISPENSING
15 SERVICES, PROVIDING EAR MOLDS, AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN OPTIMAL FIT, AND
16 ANY RELATED SERVICES AS PROVIDED BY A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.
17 D. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SHORT-TERM TRAVEL, ACCIDENT-ONLY
18 OR LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20-1137.
19 E. COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DEDUCTIBLES AND
20 COINSURANCE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE IMPOSED ON OTHER BENEFITS UNDER THE SAME
21 EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE.
22 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
23 1. "HEARING AID":
24 (a) MEANS DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THAT IS OF A DESIGN AND
25 CIRCUITRY TO OPTIMIZE AUDIBILITY AND LISTENING SKILLS IN THE ENVIRONMENT
26 COMMONLY EXPERIENCED BY CHILDREN.
27 (b) INCLUDES:
28 (i) COCHLEAR IMPLANTS.
29 (ii) BONE-CONDUCTIVE HEARING DEVICES.
30 (iii) ANY OTHER REQUIRED DEVICE THAT IS INTENDED TO AMPLIFY OR
31 CREATE HEARING.
32 2. "LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICIAN WHO IS
33 LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13 OR 17, AN AUDIOLOGIST WHO IS
34 LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, CHAPTER 17 AND A HEARING AID DISPENSER WHO
35 IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, CHAPTER 17.
36 Sec. 2. Applicability
37 Section 20-1057.21, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act,
38 applies to evidences of coverage issued with an effective date on or after
39 December 31, 2026.