

## V. Hearing Services

- A. The State Agency shall reimburse a participating audiologist at usual and customary actual billed charges up to the fixed upper limit per procedure established by the Kentucky Medicaid Fee Schedule with a conversion factor of \$29.67.

Audiologists shall be entitled to the same dispensing fee for hearing aids as shown in Section B.

The state agency will reimburse for adult hearing aids and hearing tests at the same rate and requirements applied for children beginning January 1, 2023.

## B. Hearing Aid Dealers.

1. If a manufacturer's invoice price is submitted for a hearing instrument billed to the department, the department shall reimburse the lesser of:
    - a) The manufacturer's invoice price plus a professional fee of:
      - 1) \$150 for the first (one (1) ear) hearing instrument; and
      - 2) Fifty (50) dollars for the second (two (2) ears or binaural) hearing instrument if two (2) hearing instruments are dispensed on the same date; or
    - b) The actual hearing instrument specialist's cost plus a professional fee of:
      - 1) \$150 for the first (one (1) ear) hearing instrument; and
      - 2) Fifty (50) dollars for the second (two (2) ears or binaural) hearing instrument if two (2) hearing instruments are dispensed on the same date; or
    - c) The suggested retail price submitted by the manufacturer for the hearing instrument.
  2. If the manufacturer's invoice price of a hearing instrument billed to the department does not match the manufacturer's submitted price schedule which includes the manufacturer's invoice price for the hearing instrument, the department shall reimburse the participating specialist in hearing instruments at the less of:
    - a) The lowest price submitted for a comparable hearing instrument plus a professional fee of:
      - 1) \$150 for the first (one (1) ear) hearing instrument; and
      - 2) Fifty (50) dollars for the second (two (2) ears or binaural) hearing instrument if two (2) hearing instruments are dispensed on the same date; or
    - b) The actual specialist in hearing instruments' cost plus a professional fee of:
      - 1) \$150 for the first (one (1) ear) hearing instrument; and
      - 2) Fifty (50) dollars for the second (two (2) ears or binaural) hearing instrument if two (2) hearing instruments are dispensed on the same date; or
    - c) The lowest suggested retail price submitted by the manufacturer for a comparable instrument.
- C. Replacement Cord Reimbursement. The department shall reimburse for a replacement cord at the hearing instrument specialist's cost plus a professional fee set at \$21.50.
- D. Hearing Instrument Repair Reimbursement. The department shall reimburse a hearing instrument specialist in hearing instruments for a hearing instrument repair:
1. On the basis of the manufacturer's charge for repair or replacement of parts;
  2. Plus the hearing instrument specialist's cost for postage and insurance relative to the repair
  3. Plus a professional fee of \$21.50; and
  4. Not to exceed the price of a new hearing instrument.

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2. If the manufacturer of the hearing aid billed to the program has not submitted a dealer price schedule which includes that hearing aid, the State Agency shall reimburse that participating hearing aid dealer at the lessers of:
  - a) The lowest dealer price submitted for a comparable hearing aid plus a professional fee of seventy-five (75) dollars or at the actual dealer cost plus a professional fee of seventy-five (75) dollars or twenty-five (25) dollars for the second aid when two hearing aids are dispensed on the same date;
  - b) The actual dealer cost plus a professional fee of seventy-five (75) dollars for the first aid and twenty-five (25) dollars for the second aid when two hearing aids are dispensed on the same date; or
  - c) The lowest suggested retail price submitted for a comparable aid. A comparable aid is defined as an aid falling within the general classification of fitting type, i.e., body, behind-the-ear, in-the-ear, eyeglasses.
- C. Cords. The State Agency shall make payment for a replacement cord at the dealer's cost, plus professional fee set at the fixed upper limit.
- D. Hearing Aid Repairs. The State Agency shall reimburse a hearing aid dealer for a hearing aid repair on the basis of the manufacturer's charge for repair or replacement of parts, plus the dealer's cost for postage and insurance relative to the repair, plus a professional fee set at the fixed upper limit.