

Need Help Getting Hearing Aids?

1) **Anthem and Blue Cross & Blue Shield** supplement may provide partial assistance to policy holders. Clients should contact their individual representative to inquire as to their policy coverage for hearing aid evaluation and purchase.

804-354-7000 (VA Main Offices)

800-304-0372 (Individual Health Plans and Information)

Commonwealth of Virginia (COVA) insured or most State Employees, see

http://www.anthem.com/member/va/f3/s1/t0/pw_b130617.pdf?refer=ahpfooter&na=cova or <http://www.anthem.com/COVA/>.

Note: Cochlear Implant (CI) and Bone Implantable (BAHA) most likely are covered by most Blue plans unlike Hearing Aids.

2) **The Lion's Club Hearing Aid** recycling program is available in many counties in West Central Virginia. The entry point into the Lion's Club Program is the local Department of Social services. Social workers pre-qualify clients, and then make referrals to the Lions club. The Staunton - Culpepper area is served through the Department of Social Services and Wagner's Hearing Aids (540.886.6109). The Charlottesville -Waynesboro area is served by their respective DSS Offices and the UVA Medical Center Audiology Clinic at (434.924.2050). <http://lions-sight-and-hearing-foundation.org/index.htm>

3) **Audient Program:** <http://www.audientalliance.org>, based in Seattle, Washington. Audiologists sign on as partners with the Audient Program and agree to provide hearing aids to applicants at a reduced price. Contact your local audiologist to ask if they are program partners. Audient is part of an alliance that works with the Lion's Club, HLAA, Deafness Research Foundation, Sertoma Foundation, Alexander Graham Bell Association, Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center, Oticon and Siemens.

877-283-4368 (Program Services)

info@audientalliance.org

To qualify in the continental U.S. (Alaska and Hawaii have higher limits – contact Audient for specifics), the limits in 2008 are...

Family of 1 – less than \$24,500

Family of 2 – less than \$33,000

Each additional child, add \$8.500

4) **Starkey Hearing Foundation** (also known as Hear Now Program) at <http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org>. This program works through local audiologists who agree to serve as referral agents to the foundation. Again, contact your local audiologist to ask if they are program partners.

6700 Washington Ave South

Eden Prairie, MN 55344

800.328.8602 (voice)

5) **Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)**. The individual must apply directly for DRS services, and employment must be the objective of the service. The Virginia DRS website for the Virginia Assistive Technology / Devices and Equipment Service is: <http://www.vadrs.org/equipment.htm>

(804) 662-7000 (voice)

(800) 464-9950 (tty) – toll free

6) **NewWell Fund**, www.newwellfund.org. The goal of employment is not a requirement for this program, but funding is limited. There are four deadlines for applicants each year.
866-835-5976

Note: The program was formerly the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority (ATLFA - www.ATLFA.org) and the Consumer Service Fund (CSF) programs, which ended in 2008.

7) **Help the Children Hear**, <http://www.helpthechildrenhear.org>

PO Box 98

Caldwell, NJ 07006

inquiry@helpthechildrenhear.org

8) **Hearing Aid for Latin America**, <http://www.latinhearing.org> – supports Latin America not intended for the U.S.

9) **Gallaudet's** listing of hearing aid assistance/organization.

http://www.gallaudet.edu/clerc_center/Information_and_Resources/Info_to_Go/Hearing_and_Communication_Technology/Hearing_Technology/Hearing_Aids/Hearing_Aids_and_Other_Ass_Dev_Where_to_Get_Asst.html

10) **United Way**, <http://www.unitedway.org/>,

703-836-7112 (headquarters)

11) **National Easter Seals Society**, <http://www.easterseals.com>

312-726-6200 (voice)

312-726-4258 (tty)

800-221-6827 (toll-free)

Hearing Aid Assistance Application:

http://www.easterseals.com/site/DocServer/Easter_Seals_So_Co_Hearing_Application.pdf?docID=33103

12) **Sertoma International**, <http://www.sertoma.org>

(816) 333-8300

13) **March of Dimes**, <http://www.marchofdimes.com>

(804) 968-4120 (Richmond, VA)

(914) 997-4488 (Headquarters)

14) **Optimist Club**, <http://www.optimist.org>

800-500-8130

15) **Kiwanis**, <http://www.kiwanis.org>

800-549-2647

16) **Rotary Club**, <http://www.rotary.org>

847-866-3000

Rotarians for Hearing Regeneration, <http://www.ifrahl.org> or
<http://www.hearingregeneration.org> - part of the Rotary Club listed above. No
phone number listed, email is hearingregeneration@msn.com.

17) **Tricare** offered through the military.

<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/jsp/Medical/IsItCovered.do?kw=Hearing+Aids&to pic=Seniors>

Tricare article: <http://www.military.com/news/article/understanding-hearing-aid-coverage.html>

[HealthNet Federal Services, LLC](#)

1.877.874.2273

North Region

https://www.hnfs.net/content/hnfs/home/tn/common/benefits_a_to_z/hearing_aids/hearing_aids.html/pp/content/hnfs/home/tn/bene/benefits

[Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc.](#)

1.800.444.5445

(South Region)

<http://www.humana-military.com/south/provider/tools-resources/handbook/eye-hearing-exams.asp>

Note: For other Tricare contacts, please see <http://www.tricare.mil/contactus/>.

https://www.hnfs.net/content/hnfs/home/tn/common/benefits_a_to_z/hearing_aids/hearing_aids.html/pp/content/hnfs/home/tn/bene/benefits

17b) **RACHAP (Retiree-At-Cost Hearing Aid Program)** offered through the military. See the link for a list of offices that participate in this plan based on branch served (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc).

<http://www.militaryaudiology.org/rachap/state.html>

| Site | DSN Phone | Commercial Phone | RACHAP/RHAPP? |
|-------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Ft Belvoir | 656-3202 | 703-806-3202 | Yes with WRAMC |
| Langley AFB | 574-9552 | | No |
| Portsmouth | | 757-953-2800 | No |

Note: There are other bases in neighboring states that support RACHAP and/or RHAPP. Please check out <http://militaryaudiology.org/site/rachaprhapp-locations/> for locations or contact one of their offices for more information.

18) **Delaware HLAA's listing**, <http://www.hlade.org/factsheet-3.htm>
302-292-3066

19) **Medicare Advantage**, <http://www.cms.hhs.gov> or <http://www.medicare.gov/Choices/Advantage.asp> - may cover the cost of hearing aids. Other Medicare or Medicaid programs generally cover hearing tests (audiograms) if approval is given first. Children are often covered for hearing aids while adults are not.

1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)

20) **Medicaid**, <https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal>
(804) 622-8900

Virginia Eligibility Requirements:

Pregnant women, children 19 and under, low income families with children, children under 21 who are in foster care, SSI recipients, individuals 65 & over, blind, disabled, individuals receiving long term care services, auxiliary grant recipients, terminally ill individuals in hospice care, refugees, uninsured breast or cervical cancer patients.

Services Available:

Not a covered service for adults. Children covered under EPSDT.

21) **Your Local Audiologist** – often have access to grants from their hearing aid distributors/manufacturers. Ask your audiologist if they can help.

AMC Audiology – participates with Widex (manufacturer)

Siemens and Oticon (manufacturers) both have grants/programs available as well.

JMU and Wagner's Audiologists – works with Audient Alliance program listed above.

- 22) **CareCredit**, www.carecredit.com
800-677-0718

CareCredit works just like a credit card, but is exclusive for healthcare services. You can use your card over and over for follow-up appointments or different procedures. We give you the power to decide when it's the right time for *you*. Make sure that the provider participates in CareCredit before using this program.

- 23) **Travelers Protective Association of America**, <http://www.tpahq.org/>
314-371-0533

Scholarship based with no income or asset qualifications required. Applications can be found at their website (via the FAQ's/Forms -> Forms link or at [http://www.tpahq.org/forms/STF-Guidelines%20%20Application\(for%20web%20site\)%202007.pdf](http://www.tpahq.org/forms/STF-Guidelines%20%20Application(for%20web%20site)%202007.pdf)) and must be received by March 1 of each year.

- 24) **Better Hearing Institute**, <http://www.betterhearing.org/>
(202) 449-1100

Click Publications then eGuides then 'Your Guide to Financial Assistance for Hearing Aids' for their list of hearing aid programs. At least 45 resources are listed as of 2010.

- 25) **Friends of Man**, <http://www.friendsofman.org/> - provides the needy with the following; Food, Clothing, Medicine, Prostheses, Wheelchairs, Eyeglasses, Dentures, Medical Equipment, Daycare, Training and Education, Hearing Aids, and More! Applications and referrals are done by medical/health professionals.
P.O. Box 937
Littleton, Colorado 80160-0937
(303) 798-2342

Note: Audiogram (Hearing Test) and written estimate for hearing aids are to be included with the application. Also, have vender include a minimum of 1 year warranty for the hearing aids and at least 3 follow up visits (free of charge).

- 26) **Hearing Loss Association of America**,
<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/financial-assistance-programs-foundations>
(301) 657-2248

- 27) **Northern Virginia Resource Center**, <http://www.nvrc.org/wp-content/uploads/Financial-Assistance-Buying-Aids-5-10.pdf>
(703) 352-9055

28) The Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank.

<http://www.vahealth.org/hearing/valoanerbank.htm>

1-866-596-9367 or (434) 924-0222

Loans hearing aids and FM systems to children under 18 for @6 months while securing a permanent solution.

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