



Maryland
INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

CONSUMER ADVISORY

HEARING AID COVERAGE FOR ADULTS

A new Maryland law went into effect January 1, 2025, expanding hearing aid coverage for certain adults 19 and older.

This new law requires insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to provide coverage for hearing aids and audiological services for adults in certain situations previously only provided to people 18 and under.

These changes will allow adults for whom the hearing aid is prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed audiologist to access coverage for hearing aids. There are plans that may include a limitation of no less than \$1,400 per hearing aid every 36 months; however, an enrollee may choose a hearing aid that exceeds the \$1,400 allowance and pay the difference in price.

This law applies only to adults in fully insured, large group plans and a limited number of individual plans that were originally in effect before 2011.

It is important for Marylanders to understand that many large group plans are self-funded by their employer, and thus, not classified as a fully insured health insurance plan. If you are unsure of the status of your employer-sponsored health insurance, please reach out to your Human Resources specialist for that information.



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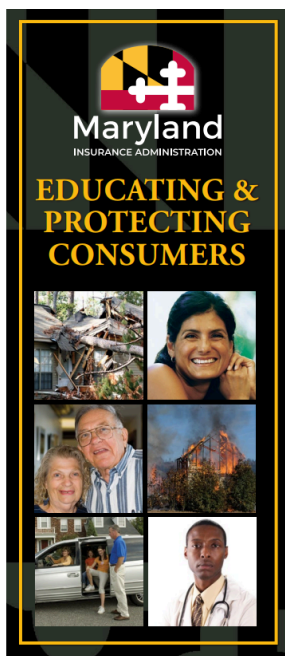
Marylanders who carry individual or fully insured small group health insurance through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange already have this coverage as an Essential Benefit under the Maryland Benchmark. This coverage does not include the \$1,400 per hearing aid limitation; the plan member may be entitled to a greater allowance per hearing aid.

In addition to self-funded health insurance plans, this new law does not extend this coverage to those on Maryland Medical Assistance (Medicaid), Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement, Tricare, or Veterans Administration benefits.

If you have additional questions about the expanded Hearing Aid Coverage law, please contact the Maryland Insurance Administration's Health Coverage Assistance Team (H-CAT) at hcat.mia@maryland.gov, 410-468-2442, or visit <https://qrco.de/hcat> for assistance.



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- Improperly terminated your insurance policy
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- Overcharged you for services, including premium finance charges

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