

SENIOR CITIZENS HEARING AID PROJECT SERVICES TO THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

PURPOSE

Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services provides one (1) hearing aid at little or no cost to individuals who are 60 years of age or older and have a hearing loss of 35 decibels or greater in the better ear. Hearing loss must be determined by a contracted audiologist selected by the applicant. One hearing aid will be purchased per person. Based on income eligibility, a sliding scale co-payment may apply.

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FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- See "Eligibility."

ELIGIBILITY

- Current resident of the state of Oklahoma,
- At least 60 years of age,
- Allowable income levels for this service are 200% of the current income guidelines for food stamps. Individuals earning above the income guidelines will contribute an amount of 10% above the allowable income levels as a co-payment for the AT, and
- Have a 35db hearing loss in your better ear as determined by a contracted audiologist.

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments and Evaluations
- Information and Referral

AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

-  Aids for Hearing Impaired

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete an application for the equipment distribution program and return to the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Office.
- Income verification must be included with the application. If you currently file income tax with the IRS, provide a copy of the front page of your 1040 plus verification of the Social Security income. (Because Social Security Income is often not declared on the 1040, it is necessary to send both documents.)

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE

- This program has very limited funding. By the end of each fiscal year, there is a waiting list.
- Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing can provide you with a list of participating audiologists that you may choose from to provide the needed hearing test and hearing aid.