

35-25-601. Wyoming adult hearing aid program.

There is created a hearing aid program for adults with hearing impairment.

35-25-602. Definitions.

- (a) As used in this article:
 - (i) "Department" means the department of health;
- (ii) "Eligible adult" means a Wyoming resident not less than eighteen (18) years of age who has been diagnosed by a physician or audiologist with a profound hearing impairment that requires hearing aids and who has a monthly modified adjusted gross family income at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level;
- (iii) "Federal poverty level" means the federal poverty guideline updated annually in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services under the authority of section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981;
- (iv) "Hearing aid" means as defined by W.S. 33-35-102 (a) (ii).

35-25-603. Program eligibility; benefits.

(a) Subject to available state funding, the department shall provide hearing aids for eligible adults. Eligibility under this section shall be determined by the department or its designee. To be determined eligible to receive hearing aids under this section, a person shall not be eligible to receive hearing aids through private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or any other available third-party payor. Recipients shall not

receive more than one (1) set of hearing aids under this article in any five (5) year period.

- (b) An adult eligible for services under this article shall receive:
- (i) Up to one (1) hearing aid per ear at a cost of not more than the rate paid for hearing aids under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act and including hearing aid insurance for loss or damage;
- (ii) A hearing aid fitting at a cost of not more than the rate paid under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act; and
- (iii) An initial set of ear molds at a cost of not more than the rate paid under the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act.

