

State System of Higher Education Hearing Summary of Benefits

Benefit	Coverage
The following hearing aid services are covered when provided by a physician or when prescribed by a physician and provided by an audiologist or hearing aid dealer/fitter:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦Hearing aid evaluation tests (to determine the type and make of hearing aid to best correct a hearing problem). 	<p>The following hearing aid services are covered at 100% of the plan allowance, whichever is less, up to \$1,250 per ear per 36 – month period.</p> <p>Highmark Blue Shield payments are made directly to Participating Providers. For services of Non- Participating Providers, Highmark Blue Shield makes payment on the Same basis, directly to the member.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦Purchase of the following types of hearing aids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦In the ear ◦Behind the ear, including air and bone conduction types ◦On the body ◦Eyeglass type hearing aids, which are covered and payable in the same manner as behind the ear hearing aids 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦Necessary repairs and maintenance when provided after the expiration of the warranty. 	
Limitations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦Payment for a hearing aid is limited to one hearing aid in any 36- month period. ♦A maximum amount of \$1,250 per ear can be allowed per 36 – month period for hearing aid evaluation tests, hearing aid purchase and necessary repairs for maintenance. ♦The hearing aid evaluation test and/or hearing aid must be provided within six (6) months of an audiometric examination. ♦Doctor office visit, ear examinations, and audiometric examinations are not covered under this plan. ♦Benefits after Termination: Hearing aids ordered when coverage is in effect and delivered within 90 days after termination date. ♦Replacement of lost or stolen hearing aids is not covered. 	

*This exhibit provides general information. Detailed information about benefits and eligibility are contained in the benefit plan documents.