

## Hearing Aid Information

Hearing aids may be recommended by our Audiologist for certain types of hearing loss. The typical cost of a hearing aid ranges from \$1200 - \$3000 each. The cost may be affected by the size of the aid but is primarily determined by the level of the circuit inside of it. Hearing aids using higher level digital technology are more expensive than lower level digital hearing aids. One half of the total fee for the hearing aid is due at the time your order is placed, with the balance due at the time the hearing aid is dispensed.

All of our hearing aids include a warranty from the manufacturer. This warranty period is two years. The details of the warranty will be provided at the time the hearing aids are dispensed, but it includes coverage for loss, damage and repair. The first two years of follow-up visits for hearing aid adjustments and cleanings are also included in the amount paid for the hearing aids.

We want to make sure that your hearing aid is beneficial to you so the purchase of a hearing aid includes a 30-day trial period. During the trial period you will wear the hearing aids and evaluate their performance in the many different environments you encounter daily. You will return to the Audiologist to review your progress and any required changes will be made to the hearing aid program. This is your chance to make sure that you are receiving the expected amount of benefit from the aids and to help in your adaptation to the aids. If you are not pleased with them, they may be returned for credit during this 30-day trial.

Many health plans, including Medicare, do not cover the costs of hearing aids or hearing aid evaluations. We recommend that you contact your insurance company or refer to your policy to determine your specific benefits. Some managed care plans have an "allowable amount" they will reimburse for hearing aids. This is a fixed contracted amount regardless of the hearing aid chosen by the patient. Unfortunately, we cannot dispense hearing aids to patients who have this benefit restriction. Patients with this type of plan should contact their health plan benefits department or insurance company for the name of the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider who is contracted to dispense hearing aids under their plan.

A note to our Medicare patients: Medicare does not cover hearing aids or hearing aid evaluations and Medicare supplement policies typically do not offer benefits for services that are not covered by Medicare. If you have a secondary plan (not supplement), you may have benefits for Medicare non-covered services. Please contact your insurance company if you have any questions regarding your specific benefits.