

Federal Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act

Important points to communicate to legislators

- 36 million Americans (17%) have a hearing loss.
- 95% could be treated with hearing aids, but only 22% use them.
- 30% cite cost as the main factor they don't purchase hearing aids.
- Medicare and most health plans do not cover hearing aids.
- Untreated hearing loss causes additional costs to health care due to loss of independence, depression and quality of life.
- Medicaid does not currently provide hearing aids to adults, and there are reported instances of children being denied hearing aids.
- 71.4% of hearing aid purchases are borne by individuals.