Hearing Aids – 18 Years or Younger

In 2007, the Minnesota Legislature passed an expanded bill for coverage of hearing aids for children 18 years of age or younger.

62Q.675 HEARING AIDS; PERSONS 18 OR YOUNGER.

A health plan must cover hearing aids for individuals 18 years of age or younger for hearing loss that is not correctable by other covered procedures. Coverage required under this section is limited to one hearing aid in each ear every three years. No special deductible, coinsurance, co-payment, or other limitation on the coverage under this section that is not generally applicable to other coverage’s under the plan may be imposed.

This bill does not apply to employers who are self-insured (ERISA). Contact your human resource department to determine if your health plan is self-insured or fully insured. For assistance with coverage under an ERISA plan, call the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans at 651-431-5961 (voice) or 612-361-0321 (videophone).

*Remember: The Infant Hearing Device Loan Program has hearing aids available for use while insurance approval is pending. Parents and guardians must ask their audiologist to order these hearing aids. The audiologists can submit orders at the UMN Lions Infant Hearing Device Loaner Program.