

**WAC 182-547-0100 General.** (1) The medicaid agency covers the hearing aids listed in this chapter, according to agency rules and subject to the limitations and requirements in this chapter. See also WAC 182-531-0375 audiology services.

(2) The agency pays for hearing aids when:

(a) Covered;

(b) Within the scope of an eligible client's medical care program;

(c) Medically necessary as defined under WAC 182-500-0070;

(d) Authorized, as required within this chapter, chapters 182-501 and 182-502 WAC, and the agency's published billing instructions and provider notices;

(e) Billed according to this chapter, chapters 182-501 and 182-502 WAC, and the agency's published billing instructions and provider notices;

(f) The client completes a hearing evaluation, including an audiogram or developmentally appropriate diagnostic physiologic test, that is administered by and the results interpreted by a hearing health care professional; and

(g) The licensed audiologist, hearing aid specialist, otolaryngologist, or otologist concludes that the client may benefit from a hearing aid.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160 and 2018 c 159. WSR 19-20-043, § 182-547-0100, filed 9/25/19, effective 11/1/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021. WSR 13-20-013, § 182-547-0100, filed 9/20/13, effective 10/21/13. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-547-0100, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 11-11-015, § 388-547-0100, filed 5/9/11, effective 6/9/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.09.530. WSR 09-12-034, § 388-547-0100, filed 5/27/09, effective 7/1/09.]