

Meeting Details

Date: Monday, December 6

Time: 10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

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Background

DHCS introduced a new California state-only hearing aid benefit for children, ages 0-17, who are otherwise ineligible for Medi-Cal, and with a household income up to 600 percent of the federal poverty level, effective July 1, 2021. This benefit is available to children with no health insurance or whose existing health insurance does not cover hearing aids and related services. Referral or valid hearing aid prescription from an audiologist, otolaryngologist, or physician is required.

Discussion Topics

- 1. Program Scope – 10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.**
- 2. Eligibility Criteria – 10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**
 - a. Age, state resident, household income, referral or valid prescription, etc.
 - b. Budget appropriation focuses on bridging a specific gap for children without other health coverage for hearing aids.
- 3. Application and Enrollment Process – 10:15 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.**
 - a. Complete the application form on the [HACCP webpage](#). Be sure to include required documentation of income, existing health coverage (if any), and medical necessity.
 - b. Eligibility to be determined within 10 days.
 - c. Once enrolled, [find a participating provider](#).
- 4. Covered Benefits – 10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
 - a. Hearing aids
 - b. Hearing aid supplies/accessories
 - c. Hearing aid-related audiology services
 - d. Other related post-evaluation services
- 5. Questions/Feedback – 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**
 - a. Benefits Division: Kailey Hackbarth, kailey.hackbarth@dhcs.ca.gov
 - b. HACCP Help Center: 1(833) 956-2878 or haccp@maximus.com

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Meeting Notes
