

# Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Program (HACCP) Webinar for Families

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#### **HACCP Overview**

- Authority: California 2020-21 Budget
  - State-only benefit
- Phase I Implementation:
  - July 1, 2021 launch
  - English and Spanish application materials
  - Application available in print and online as a fillable PDF
  - Documents incorporate initial feedback from California Children's Services (CCS) and pediatric audiology stakeholders



# HACCP Scope

 California state-only benefit for 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.



# **HACCP** Eligibility

- Children 0-17 years of age
- Must reside in California
- Not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal
- Not currently enrolled in CCS
- Household income under 600% of the federal poverty level (FPL)
- Referral or valid hearing aid prescription from an audiologist, otolaryngologist, or physician required



### HACCP Eligibility (continued)

- Does not have other health coverage for hearing aids and related services
  - Denial of coverage notice from other health insurance/coverage
  - Explanation of benefits from other health insurance/coverage
  - Attestation of no other health insurance/coverage (<u>see application</u>)
- Eligibility will be determined within 10 days



# Application and Enrollment Process

- Determine eligibility (previous slides).
- Complete the application form on the HACCP webpage site:
  - https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/HACCP.aspx
  - Flyers and applications in English and Spanish



### **HACCP-Covered Benefits**

- Hearing aids
  - Including externally worn bone conduction hearing aids, when medically necessary
- Hearing aid replacements
  - HACCP will follow CCS' replacement policy
- Hearing aid supplies/accessories
- Hearing aid-related audiology services
- Other related post-evaluation services



### **Covered Benefits**

- Hearing aid assessment
- Hearing aid (monaural, binaural)
- Binaural electroacoustic analysis
- Monaural electroacoustic analysis
- Ear molds
- Functional gain testing
- Minor hearing aid repairs
- Hearing aid supplies/accessories
- Other benefits listed on the HACCP webpage

Your provider will need to submit a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR), which is required for hearing aids and supplies/accessories.



# Any Questions?

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### Additional Resources

- HACCP webpage: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/pages/haccp.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/pages/haccp.aspx</a>
  - Application
  - -Find a Provider
  - Information for Providers
  - Information for Families
- HACCP Call Center: 1 (833) 774-2227
- Email: HACCP@maximus.com