BCBS Federal Employee Hearing Aid Program

- Directional microphones pick up sounds coming from in front of you better than coming from behind or beside you. This technology improves your ability to hear when you’re in an environment with a lot of background noise. Typically you’ll have both a regular microphone and a directional microphone, and the ability to switch between the two, although some switch automatically.

- Telephone adaptors (T-coils) make it easier to hear when talking on the telephone. The telecoil eliminates the sounds from your environment and only picks up the sounds from the telephone. Some hearing aids switch automatically when the phone is held up to the hearing aid, while others require flipping a switch. Keep in mind to hear when talking on the telephone.

Bluetooth technology allows you to wirelessly pick up the Bluetooth signal from Bluetooth compatible devices and transmit the signal to the hearing aid. You don’t have to hold the phone to your ear or hearing aid to hear the sounds.

Deciding which options are most important to you and finding out what type of hearing aid will work best for you is important. A good Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist will work with you to find a hearing aid that best fits your needs and desires. This person performs a complete hearing exam, takes an impression of your ear canal, chooses the most appropriate aid and adjusts the device to fit your hearing loss. We’ve provided some useful information to help you in choosing the right hearing aid.

ATTENTION: ALL FEDERAL WORKERS & RETIREES

Due to recent surge in insurance activity, many people were told that in the Huntsville Area there are no Preferred Providers. This is true. Many people didn’t take advantage of their hearing benefits because they thought they weren’t covered. If your BCBS card looks like this, you’re covered, and best of all at the Center for Hearing LLC, you’ll have no out of pocket expense! You’ll pay nothing for once in your life. Before the program ends, come in and get the help you need! Land be able to enjoy the sounds of life again.

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Choosing the Right Hearing Aid

HALF-SHELL HEARING AIDS fill the lower portion of the bowl-shaped area of the outer ear. They are larger and easier to handle than are the smaller hearing aids and include features which are easier to use. They fit well in most ears.

IN THE EAR (FULL SHELL) HEARING AIDS fill most of the bowl-shaped area of your outer ear. They are more visible and may pick up more wind noise. They are generally easier to insert into the ear, use larger batteries which typically last longer and have features that are easier to adjust.

BEHIND THE EAR HEARING AIDS hook over the top of the ear and rest behind the ear and is appropriate for almost all types of hearing loss and people of all ages. This is the largest and most visible type of hearing aids, although some new versions are smaller, streamlined and barely visible.

OPEN FIT HEARING AIDS are very small behind-the-ear-style devices. These aids leave the ear canal open, so they are best for mild to moderate high-frequency losses where low-frequency hearing is still normal or near normal. They are less visible and do not plug the ear like the small in-the-canal hearing aids do. They use medium sized batteries and have manual adjustments that can be controlled by the user and have the ability to be controlled by the user’s cell phone.

HEARING AID ELECTRONICS control how sound is transferred from the environment to your inner ear. Most hearing aid manufacturers now only produce digital hearing aids as analog hearing aids are being phased out. There are different options that improve hearing in specific situations.