

# Federal hearing aid coverage policy update

This proposal removes age limitations in hearing aid coverage policies offered by health plans.

## Why it's Necessary

Under federal regulations for the Affordable Care Act, insurance issuers are not allowed to discriminate based on an individual's age in the coverage of essential health benefits. Under current Minnesota law, hearing aids are an essential health benefit for those 18 and under. Because federal regulation prohibits discrimination based on age, the age qualification must be removed.

## Benefit to Minnesotans

Hearing aid coverage in individual and small group plans will be available to Minnesotans of all ages without limitation, in order to comply with federal law.

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