HEARING AID BENEFIT

COPAYMENT SUMMARY

**HEARING AID INSTRUMENT AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT**

The maximum amount plan will pay per member every 36 months for both ears for the hearing aid instrument and ancillary equipment.

Benefit includes:
- Monaural or binaural including ear mold(s);
- Initial battery, cords and other ancillary equipment;
- Visits for fitting, counseling, adjustments, repairs at no charge for a one-year period following the provision of a covered hearing aid (after the one-year period expires, the member is responsible for all charges).

**EXCLUSIONS**

The purchases of batteries or other ancillary equipment, except those covered under the terms of the initial hearing aid purchase, and charges for a hearing aid which exceeds specifications prescribed for correction of a hearing loss; replacement parts for hearing aids, repair of hearing aid after the covered one-year warranty period, replacement of hearing aid more than once in any period of 36 months and surgically implanted hearing devices. Cochler implants are considered surgically implanted hearing devices and are covered under your medical plan, if medically necessary.

**HOW TO OBTAIN A HEARING AID**

1. Talk to your doctor about your hearing difficulty.
2. Your primary care physician will coordinate a referral to an audiologist and obtain any necessary prior authorization.
3. You will then be contacted and advised how to schedule an exam with an audiologist.
4. If deemed necessary after that exam, hearing aid instruments and ancillary equipment will be coordinated for you by your doctor and/or the audiologist.

* Member’s share of cost for covered hearing aid devices does not contribute to the annual out-of-pocket maximum of your medical plan with Western Health Advantage.