Hearing Aid Assistance Program

The aim of the Hearing Aid Assistance Program (HAAP) is to promote the healthy development of South Dakota children who are hard of hearing and would benefit from hearing aids by providing financial assistance.

"Hearing loss may cause problems in language development and the educational and social growth of a child. In addition, many health insurance plans do not cover hearing aids. This means families often incur the entire cost of hearing aids for children."
– DHS Secretary Gloria Pearson

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Providing financial assistance with hearing aids for SD's children.

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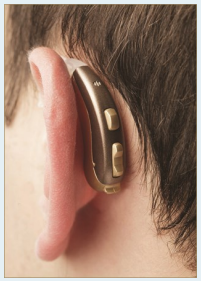
S.D. Department of Human Services (DHS) has established a program to provide financial assistance for the purchase of hearing aids for children.



Families can access the Hearing Aid Assistance Program by working with their audiologist office and DHS.

"The Hearing Aid Assistance Program has the potential to help a lot of South Dakota children with hearing loss and their families. We are pleased to be able to help fill a need that has been identified in South Dakota."

– Division of Rehabilitation Services Director Eric Weiss

What is HAAP?

The Hearing Aid Assistance Program (HAAP) helps purchase hearing aids and associated ear molds for children with progressive or permanent hearing loss who would benefit from hearing aids.

Who is eligible?

An individual must meet all the following criteria to be eligible:

- Must be resident of South Dakota
- Must be under 19 years of age
- Must have progressive or permanent hearing loss requiring hearing aid(s)
- Must not have received hearing aid(s) from HAAP or S.D. Medicaid within three years prior to date of application
- Must be financially eligible*

* HAAP is open to families with a household income of less than 400 percent of federal poverty guidelines (current guidelines available on application). The program operates on a sliding-fee schedule, contributing anywhere from half to the entire cost for purchasing hearing aids and associated ear molds.

Where do I get an application?

- Find the application to print at http://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices/deafservices.aspx
- Ask your audiologist
- Request by calling Katie Gran at (800) 265-9679 or emailing her at Katie.Gran@state.sd.us