

State Hearing Health Insurance Mandates

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Arkansas (HB 1930 / Act 1179) in effect 1/2010

Covered – Does not mandate coverage of the cost of hearing aids but rather requires insurance companies to offer coverage to employers in the state. However, if the employer chooses to add this option, the health plan must provide hearing aid coverage of no less than \$1,400 per ear every three years for individuals of all ages.

Limit - \$1,400 per aid, every 3 years

Citation: [Arkansas Code Ann. §23-79-1401](#)

Colorado (CO SB 057) in effect 1/2009

Covered – Children under 18

Limit – 1 hearing aid per ear every 5 years, no limit on cost but deductibles and co-pays may apply

Citation: Colorado Rev. Stat. §10-16-104

Read about the law: http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/sl2008a/sl_401.pdf

Connecticut (SB 136) in effect 10/2001

Covered – Children under 12

Limit – \$1,000 total, every 24 months

Citation: [Connecticut Gen. Statute §38a-490b](#) and [§38a-516b](#)

Delaware (DE HB 355) in effect 1/2009

Covered – Children under 18

Limit – \$1,000 per aid, 1 hearing aid per ear every 36 months

Citation: [Delaware Code Ann. tit. 18 §3357](#)

Kentucky (KRS 304.17A-132) in effect 2002

Covered – Children under 18 and state employees (state employees were added to the coverage list as of last legislative session)

Limit – \$1,400 per aid, every 36 months

Citation: [Kentucky Rev. Stat. Ann. §304.17A-132](#) [PDF]

Louisiana (La R.S. 22:215.25) in effect 1/2004

Covered – Children under 18

Limit – \$1,400 per aid, every 36 months

Citation: [Louisiana Rev. Stat. Ann. §22:1038](#)

Maine (ME LD 1514) in effect 1/2008, 1/2009, 1/2010

Covered – Children 5 and under took effect Jan. 1, 2008, children 6-13 takes effect Jan. 1, 2009, children 14-18 takes effect Jan. 1, 2010

Limit – \$1,400 per aid, every 36 months

Citation: [Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 24-A §33-2762](#)

Maryland (HB 160) in effect 2002

Covered – Children under 18

Limit – \$1,400 per aid, every 36 months

Citation: Maryland Code §15-838

Read about the law: <http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us/sa/documents/MarylandMandatedBenefits09-09rev.pdf>

Massachusetts (HB 52) in effect 1/2013

Covered - Children 21 years old and younger

Limit - up to \$2,000 per hearing aid every 36 months.

Minnesota (Minn. Stat. 62Q.675) in effect 8/2003

Covered – Children under 18

Limit – 1 hearing aid per ear, every 36 months, no limit on cost and no additional deductible or similar restriction

Citation: [Minnesota Stat. §62Q.675](#)

Missouri (376.1220 R.S. Mo) in effect 2004

Covered – Newborns coverage for screening, audiological assessment and hearing aid purchases

Limit – Coverage amount varies per need of newborn

Citation: [Missouri Rev. Stat. §376.1220](#)

New Hampshire (HB 561) in effect 1/2011

Covered – No age restrictions

Limit – \$1,500 per hearing aid, per ear, once every 60 months

Citation: [New Hampshire Rev. Stat. Ann. §415-6p](#) and [§415:18-u](#)

New Jersey (S. 467 / A. 1571) in effect 4/2009

Covered – Children 15 years old and younger

Limit – Coverage for \$1,000 per aid, once every 2 years

Citation: [New Jersey Stat. Ann.](#) §17:48-6gg; §17:48A-7dd; §17:48E-35.31; §17B:26-2.1aa; §17B:27-46.1gg; §17B:27A-7.14; §17B:27a-19.18; §26:2J-4.32; §52:14-17.29n; §30:4J-12.2

New Mexico (SB 529) in effect 7/2007

Covered – Children under 18, or those under 21 if still enrolled in high school

Limit – \$2,200 per ear, once every 36 months

Citation: [New Mexico Stat. Ann.](#) §13-7-10; §59A-22-34.5; §59A-23-7.8; §59A-46-38.5; §59A-47-37.1

North Carolina (HB 589) in effect 1/2011

Covered – Children under the age of 22

Limit – \$2,500 per hearing aid, per ear, once every 36 months

Citation: [North Carolina Gen. Stat. §58-3-285](#) [PDF]

Oklahoma (36 Okl. St. 6060.7) in effect 11/2002

Covered – Children under 18

Limit – None for hearing aid cost, once every 48 months

Citation: [Oklahoma Stat. tit. 36 §6060.7](#) [RTF]

Oregon (HB 2589 / Chapter 553 - 2009 Laws) in effect 1/2010

Covered – Children under 18, dependents

Limit – \$4,000 per aid, once every 48 months

Citation: [Oregon Rev. Stat. §743A.141](#)

Rhode Island (R.I. Gen. Stat. 27-19-51) in effect 1/2002

Covered – All ages

Limit – Increased in 2006 from \$400 to \$2,000, per hearing aid for those under 19. For all others, increased from \$400 to \$800, per hearing aid – once every three years for both groups

Citation: [Rhode Island Gen. Laws §27-18-60](#)

Tennessee

Covered – Children under 18

Limit - \$1000 per hearing aid per ear every 3 years

Citation: Tennessee Code Ann. §56-7-2368

Read about the law: <http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/107/pub/pc0199.pdf>

Wisconsin (SB 27 / 2009 Wisconsin Act 17) in effect 1/2010

Covered – Children under 18 (Hearing aids and cochlear implants)

Limit – None, covers the cost of one hearing aid per ear (once every 3 years), cochlear implants, and related therapy

Citation: [Wisconsin Stat. §609.86](#); [§632.895 \(16\)](#)