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Ohio hearing aid assistance program definitions.

- (A) "Audiologist" means an individual authorized under section 4753.07 of the Revised Code to practice audiology.
- (B) "Audiology/Hearing Services" includes evaluations, hearing aid selection, assistive listening device selection, preparation, dispensing and orientation, fabricating ear molds; assistive listening device adjustments, and hearing aid adjustments made within the trial period.
- (C) "~~BCMHC~~CMH" means the "children with medical handicaps program" formerly known as the bureau for children with medical handicaps.
- (D) "Department" means the Ohio department of health.
- (E) "Director" means the director of health or designee.
- (F) "Eligible child" means a child from birth ~~up to~~ up to age twenty-one with a ~~permanent hearing loss~~ or hearing disorder who is a resident of Ohio.
- (G) "Eligible family" means the family of the eligible child who meets the income criteria for assistance through the Ohio hearing aid assistance program.
- (H) "Federal poverty guidelines" means a minimum amount of income that a family, based on the number of family members, needs for food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities, as determined annually by the federal government.
- (I) "Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter" means an individual authorized under section 4747.04 of the Revised Code to practice dealing in or fitting of hearing aids.
- (J) "Income" means a family's adjusted gross income based upon their most recent federal income tax return.
- (K) "Program administrator" means an individual or contractor responsible for managing the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Ohio hearing aid assistance program.
- (L) "Program" means the Ohio hearing aid assistance program, ~~an earmarked program funded by the Ohio legislature, in Section 285.20 of Amended Substitute HB 59 of the 130th General Assembly, to assist families with eligible children under twenty-one years of age with purchasing hearing aids.~~

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