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, <u>assistive</u> <u>listening device selection</u>, preparation, dispensing and orientation, fabricating ear molds; <u>assistive listening device adjustments</u>, and hearing aid adjustments made within the trial period.
- (C) "BCMHCMH" 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 <u>up to age</u> twenty-one with a <u>permanent</u> hearing loss <u>or hearing disorder</u> 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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