

3701-45-02

Ohio hearing aid assistance program.

(A) In administering funds appropriated for the program:

- (1) The director may, in his discretion, designate a program administrator, by contract or other means, to accept applications for participation in the program, verify eligibility for the program, and disburse payments.
- (2) The director will supervise distribution of funds.
- (3) The director shall establish eligibility criteria for participation in the program.
- (4) The director shall prescribe the manner and form for applications from eligible families and audiologists for use in the program.
- (5) No later than April first the director will issue guidelines for financial eligibility and family ~~co-payments~~ sliding fee scale amounts based upon income. The director will also determine the maximum amount for audiology/hearing services that may be charged by an audiologist or hearing aid dealer and fitter participating in the program. The financial eligibility and ~~co-payments~~ sliding fee scale amounts can be found at <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/hearingaid-assistance/resources/federal-poverty-table>. <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/emh/hearaidasst/Hearing%20Aid%20Assistance%20Program>

(B) Applications for assistance under this program for eligible children birth to age 18 must be made through an audiologist. Applications for assistance under this program for eligible children eighteen ~~to~~ up to twenty-one may be made through an audiologist who:

- (1) Is licensed with the Ohio speech and hearing professionals board ~~of speech language pathology and audiology~~; and
- (2) Agrees to abide by all requirements of participation in the program as set forth in rule 3701-45-04 of the Administrative Code.

(C) Families of eligible children ages eighteen ~~to~~ up to twenty-one may apply for assistance under this program through a hearing aid dealer and fitter who:

- (1) Is licensed with the Ohio speech and hearing professionals ~~Ohio's hearing aid dealers and fitters~~ board;
- (2) Is a ~~BCMHC~~ CMH approved hearing aid dealer and fitter and;

(3) Agrees to abide by all requirements of participation in the program as set forth in rule 3701-45-04 of the Administrative Code.

(D) The director or administrator shall:

(1) Verify family eligibility for the program based upon the application submitted from the audiologist;

(2) Disburse funds for payment of assistive listening devices, hearing aids and provider services; and

(3) Maintain administrative records for implementation of the program.

(E) Funds shall be disbursed in the manner set forth in this chapter until all funds have been expended.

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Certification

Date

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