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**Eligibility requirements for financial assistance through the Ohio hearing aid assistance program.**

- (A) The director, or program administrator, shall apply the requirements prescribed by this rule in determining whether a family and child are eligible for assistance in purchasing hearing aids or assistive listening devices through the program.
- (B) A family is eligible to participate in the program if:
- (1) The family and child are Ohio residents;
  - (2) There is a child diagnosed with ~~permanent~~ a hearing loss or hearing disorder;
  - (3) The family's income is at or below four hundred per cent of the federal poverty guidelines;
  - (4) Without assistance from the program, the family would be unable to obtain hearing aids for the child with a ~~permanent~~ hearing loss or hearing disorder; and
  - (5) The family agrees to pay to the audiologist or the hearing aid dealer and fitter the ~~co-payment-fee~~ amount, based on a sliding scale fee schedule, found at ~~<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/emh/hearaidasst/Hearing%20Aid%20Assistance%20Program>~~ <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/known-our-programs/hearingaid-assistance/resources/federal-poverty-table>, as set forth by the director, if required, due to family income level.
- (C) In order to determine financial eligibility for the program, a family must do the following:
- (1) Complete the prescribed application to be submitted on its behalf by the audiologist or hearing aid dealer and fitter; and
  - (2) Provide the necessary documents, as set forth in the application to determine family income.
- (D) All decisions on family eligibility are final and are not subject to appeal under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

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