2701-45-03 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 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 hearing loss;
 - (3) The family's income is at or below four hundred percent 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; and
 - (5) The family agrees to pay to the audiologist or the hearing aid dealer and fitter the co-payment amount, based on a sliding scale fee schedule, 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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