

*We are committed to your overall wellness and have partnered with EPIC Hearing Healthcare to offer savings on hearing instruments and accessories often not covered by health plans.*

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## Benefits For the Entire Family

- Available at no cost to members with enrollment in any AlwaysCare group or individual product.
- 30-60% discounts off major name brand hearing instruments and accessories.
- 40% savings on hearing aid batteries shipped directly to your home.
- On-call support for questions, managed by professional hearing counselors.

## Hearing Device Cost Comparisons

The EPIC process provides extensive diagnostic information to assure appropriate therapy and treatment. This translates into favorable prices and lower costs. The example below illustrates the potential cost savings and price advantages of the AlwaysCare Hearing Savings Plan for hearing aids.

### Average price for two hearing aids

Standard retail price for two (2) hearing aids	\$4,000-\$7,000
Typical Discounted Price	\$3,000-\$5,000
<b>Hearing Savings Plan Price</b>	<b>\$2,400-\$3,600</b>



Offered through:



**For access call (888) 400-9304.**

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## AlwaysHearing Insured Rider

An optional fully insured hearing rider may also be added to any group dental or vision plan for a flat, low cost fee.\* This rider provides an annual hearing screening and advanced testing for Members identified with hearing problems. A generous allowance toward the purchase of hearing aids (major brands with the most advanced technology and cosmetic details) is also included.

- Members may choose any qualified hearing professional. Enhanced benefits are available through a large national network of participating hearing physicians and audiologists.
- Members receive concierge-level services and significant discounts on additional materials such as assistive listening devices, customized musician and swim earplugs, ear protection, batteries and more.
- Customer care is managed by professional hearing counselors who are available to assist Members with scheduling appointments and purchasing hearing devices.

### Covered Services with Insured Rider

#### Hearing Diagnostic Services (once every 12 months):

Hearing Screening

Basic Comprehensive Audiometric Test

Tympanometry Test

Acoustic Reflex Test

Cerumen Removal (wax removal)

#### Hearing Device-Related (once every 60 months):

Hearing Aid Evaluation

Selection and Fitting of Hearing Device

Electroacoustic Analysis of Hearing Device

Aural Rehabilitation

Hearing Aid Dispensing Fee

\*If dental and vision plans are selected, the dental plan will be considered the "primary plan." All employees covered by the primary plan will receive the hearing rider on the same enrollment tier as the primary plan. Children covered by the primary plan will receive the hearing plan at no additional premium cost.

<sup>1</sup> National Institutes of Health, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Better Hearing Institute, Your Guide to Better Hearing

