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Public Workshop - SB 203, Development of Hearing Aid Program

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Agenda Overview

- Purpose
- SB 203 Overview
- Research Findings on State Hearing Aid Programs
- Program/Policy Development
 - Eligibility
 - Clinical Coverage Criteria
- Funding

Purpose

- Share information on SB 203 and gain stakeholder feedback on the development and implementation of program/policies for hearing aids.

SB 203, 80th Legislative Session Overview

- Requiring certain programs to use established criteria to evaluate a child's development of language and literacy skills and incorporate this into Individual Family Service Plans;
- Development of a program to negotiate discounts for hearing aids and related devices;
- Develop and administer a program at no charge to provide hearing aids to children using TDD Surcharge funding (as available);
- Development of an Advisory Committee on Language Development for children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- Department of Education will develop a resource guide for distribution; and
- Publish an annual report concerning the development of language and literacy skills.

Other State Programs

Hearing Aid Banks

- Application/Eligibility
- Access/Distribution of Hearing Aids
- Reuse/Loan
- Funding
- Utilization

Program/Policy Development

Eligibility Criteria

- Under 13
- Household under 400% Federal Poverty Level
- No access to affordable health insurance coverage
- Application process

Program/Policy Development (cont'd)

Clinical Coverage Criteria-

- Behind the ear hearing aid
- Permanent hearing loss (unilateral or bilateral)
- NV Medicaid -At least 20 dB for frequency range 500-3000 Hz
- CA Medicaid- At least 26 dB for frequency range 500-4000 Hz
- Other Insurance – 40 dB at any one frequency (500, 1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000 Hz), or 26 dB at three or more frequencies.
- Other Insurance – Threshold of 26 dB or greater

Funding

- TDD Surcharge
- Grants
- Interlocal Agreements

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