

(1) A POOL OF HEARING AIDS IN THE LOAN BANK TO LEND TO A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD;

(2) TESTING AND PROGRAMMING EQUIPMENT FOR HEARING AIDS IN THE LOAN BANK; AND

(3) SUPPLIES FOR REPAIR AND RECONDITIONING OF HEARING AIDS IN THE LOAN BANK.

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(A) ~~UPON RECEIPT OF A PRESCRIPTION FROM A LICENSED AUDIOLOGIST, THE DIRECTOR SHALL LEND A SUITABLE HEARING AID TO A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE CHILD UPON RECEIPT OF:~~

(1) A PRESCRIPTION FROM A LICENSED AUDIOLOGIST; AND

(2) ANY DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE DIRECTOR TO PROVE THAT THE CHILD IS AN ELIGIBLE CHILD.

(B) (1) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOAN PERIOD SHALL BE FOR NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS BUT MAY BE EXTENDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR FOR ADDITIONAL 3-MONTH PERIODS.~~

(2) THE DIRECTOR MAY EXTEND THE ORIGINAL LOAN PERIOD FOR ADDITIONAL 3-MONTH PERIODS IF, PRIOR TO EACH EXTENSION, THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT:

(I) THE CHILD DOES NOT HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO ANOTHER HEARING AID UNDER MEDICAID, THE MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM, OR PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE;

(II) THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO ANOTHER HEARING AID; AND

(III) THE CHILD'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS MAKING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO ANOTHER HEARING AID.

(C) A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WHO BORROWS A HEARING AID FOR AN ELIGIBLE CHILD SHALL:

(1) ~~PROVIDE PROOF OF THE NEED FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE PROGRAM;~~

(2) (1) BE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE HEARING AID;

(2) (2) RETURN THE HEARING AID IMMEDIATELY TO THE LOAN BANK UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE LOAN PERIOD OR RECEIPT OF A SUITABLE PERMANENT HEARING AID, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST;

(3) (3) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER CARE AND USE OF THE HEARING AID;