PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO $1,400 PER HEARING AID FOR EACH HEARING–IMPAIRED EAR EVERY 36 MONTHS.

(II) AN INSURED OR ENROLLED INDIVIDUAL MAY CHOOSE A HEARING AID THAT IS PRICED HIGHER THAN THE BENEFIT PAYABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND MAY PAY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRICE OF THE HEARING AID AND THE BENEFIT PAYABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, WITHOUT FINANCIAL OR CONTRACTUAL PENALTY TO THE PROVIDER OF THE HEARING AID.

(D) ~~(1) IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT, BY A LICENSED AUDIOLOGIST, THAT RELATES TO THE CHILD'S HEARING IMPAIRMENT AND HEARING AIDS.~~ THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FROM PROVIDING COVERAGE THAT IS GREATER OR MORE FAVORABLE TO AN INSURED OR ENROLLED INDIVIDUAL THAN THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

~~(2) THIS TREATMENT MAY INCLUDE:~~

~~(I) CONSULTATION THAT RELATES TO THE HEARING IMPAIRMENT AND HEARING AIDS;~~

~~(II) FITTING OF THE HEARING AIDS;~~

~~(III) PROFESSIONAL VISITS TO MONITOR THE APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONING OF THE HEARING AIDS; AND~~

~~(IV) ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD'S HEARING IMPAIRMENT.~~

~~(E) THE HEARING AID INSTRUMENT, ASSESSMENT, PRESCRIBING, FITTING, AND CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES SHALL BE REIMBURSED AT THE USUAL AND CUSTOMARY CHARGES OF THE LICENSED PROFESSIONALS.~~

~~(F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION FROM PROVIDING COVERAGES THAT ARE GREATER THAN OR MORE FAVORABLE TO A CHILD OF AN INSURED OR ENROLLEE THAN THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(G) AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE ANNUALLY TO ITS INSUREDS AND ENROLLEES ABOUT THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

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(RR) THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 15–837 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State