

**Hearing Aid Services Rider**

**Group Rider  
HMO/POS**

**Summary of Benefits**

This Summary of Benefits shows the amount you will pay for Covered Benefits under this Blue Shield of California hearing aid services Benefit.

Benefits	Your Payment
<i>Up to a \$2,000 maximum per Member in any 24-month period. Services are not subject to the Calendar Year Deductible.</i>	
<b>When using any provider</b>	
<b>Hearing Aid Services</b>	
Hearing aid examinations for the appropriate type of hearing aid and/or for fittings, counseling and adjustments	
Hearing aid device checks	All charges above \$2,000
Electroacoustic evaluations for hearing aids	
Hearing aid instrument, monaural or binaural, including ear mold(s) and the initial battery and cords	

Benefit Plans may be modified to ensure compliance with State and Federal Requirements.

## Introduction

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In addition to the Benefits listed in your Evidence of Coverage, your rider provides coverage for hearing aid services, as described in this supplement. These hearing aid services Benefits are separate from your health Plan, but the general provisions, limitations, and exclusions described in your Evidence of Coverage do apply.

Because Blue Shield does not maintain a network of contracted providers for these services, the Benefits covered under this supplement can be received from any provider and you may submit a claim to Blue Shield for reimbursement.

## Benefits

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Benefits are available for hearing aid services as shown on the Summary of Benefits. Services are limited to a maximum payment per Member in any period, are not subject to the Calendar Year Deductible.

Blue Shield will reimburse you for Covered Benefits up to the maximum shown on the Summary of Benefits.

## Submitting a Claim Form

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Blue Shield will pay Members directly for services rendered. Claims for payment must be submitted to Blue Shield within one year after the month services were provided. Blue Shield will notify the Member of its determination within 30 days after receipt of the claim.

To submit a claim for payment, send a copy of the itemized bill, along with a completed Blue Shield claim form to:

Blue Shield  
P.O. Box 272540  
Chico, CA 95927-2540

Claim forms are available online at [www.blueshieldca.com](http://www.blueshieldca.com) or Members may call Blue Shield Customer Service to obtain a form. At a minimum, each claim submission must contain the Subscriber's name, home address, group contract number, Subscriber number, a copy of the provider's bill showing the services rendered, dates of treatment and the patient's name.

Blue Shield provides an Explanation of Benefits to describe how the claim was processed and to inform the Member of any financial responsibility.

## Exclusions

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Benefits do not include:

- surgically implanted hearing devices;
- spare hearing aids;
- assisted listening devices or amplification devices;
- purchase of batteries or other equipment, except those covered under the terms of the initial hearing aid purchase;
- charges for a hearing aid that exceed specifications prescribed for correction of a hearing loss; or
- replacement parts for hearing aids, repair of hearing aids after the covered warranty period, and replacement of hearing aids more than once in any 24-month period.

See the Grievance Process portion of your EOC for information on filing a grievance, your right to seek assistance from the Department of Managed Health Care, and your rights to independent medical review.

Please be sure to retain this document. It is not a contract but is a part of your EOC.



## NOTICES AVAILABLE ONLINE

### **Nondiscrimination and Language Assistance Services**

Blue Shield complies with applicable state and federal civil rights laws. We also offer language assistance services at no additional cost.

View our nondiscrimination notice and language assistance notice: [blueshieldca.com/notices](https://blueshieldca.com/notices). You can also call for language assistance services: **(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**.

If you are unable to access the website above and would like to receive a copy of the nondiscrimination notice and language assistance notice, please call Customer Service at **(888) 256-3650 (TTY: 711)**.

### **Servicios de asistencia en idiomas y avisos de no discriminación**

Blue Shield cumple con las leyes de derechos civiles federales y estatales aplicables. También, ofrecemos servicios de asistencia en idiomas sin costo adicional.

Vea nuestro aviso de no discriminación y nuestro aviso de asistencia en idiomas en [blueshieldca.com/notices](https://blueshieldca.com/notices). Para obtener servicios de asistencia en idiomas, también puede llamar al **(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**.

Si no puede acceder al sitio web que aparece arriba y desea recibir una copia del aviso de no discriminación y del aviso de asistencia en idiomas, llame a Servicio al Cliente al **(888) 256-3650 (TTY: 711)**.

### **非歧視通知和語言協助服務**

Blue Shield 遵守適用的州及聯邦政府的民權法。同時，我們免費提供語言協助服務。

如需檢視我司的非歧視通知和語言幫助通知，請造訪 [blueshieldca.com/notices](https://blueshieldca.com/notices)。您還可致電尋求語言協助服務：**(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**。

如果您無法造訪上述網站，且希望收到一份非歧視通知和語言幫助通知的副本，請致電客戶服務部，電話：**(888) 256-3650 (TTY: 711)**。