



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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BILL NO: HB 1355
COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations
POSITION: Support

TITLE: Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Hearing Aids

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 1355 proposes to alter the circumstances under which insurance coverage is provided for adults needing hearing aids.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapists, is in support of HB 1355.

The Board fully supports coverage provisions for adult hearing aids that are prescribed, fitted, or dispensed by a licensed Audiologist. Additionally, the Board supports coverage provisions for adult hearing aids that are ordered, fitted, or dispensed by a licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser. It is the professional opinion of the Board, that the above-mentioned services are appropriate and suitable for insurance billing and/or coverage.

The Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapists, request a favorable report on HB 1355.

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