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# *Legislative Bulletin*

*Pursuant to P.L. 2008, c. 126, effective upon issuance or renewal on or after March 30, 2009, this law mandates coverage for hearing aids needed by covered persons age 15 or younger.*

## **GRACE'S LAW HEARING AID COVERAGE**

This law requires coverage for medically necessary expenses incurred in the purchase of a hearing aid for a covered person age 15 or younger.

The coverage must be provided for the purchase of a hearing aid for each ear, when it is medically necessary and prescribed or recommended by a licensed physician or audiologist. Benefits during every 24-month period may be limited to \$1,000 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear. If a hearing aid that is selected is priced higher than the benefit available under this law, the purchaser is responsible for the difference.

The law also includes the standard New Jersey requirement that benefits are to be provided to the same extent as for any other condition under the contract.

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