# At Home Program Guidelines Requesting Audiology Equipment and Supplies

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) provides basic audiology equipment and supplies to address an eligible child or youth's hearing loss. Audiology benefits may be available to children and youth who are eligible for At Home Program Medical Benefits.

Requests for audiology equipment or supplies must be submitted by an audiologist, on a Request for Audiology Benefits form.

For information on audiology benefits available through the At Home Program, please see the At Home Program Guide.

For information on audiology benefits available to children and youth in care of MCFD or a Delegated Aboriginal Agency, or a youth in a Youth Agreement, see the Health Supports for Children in Care and Youth Agreements Guide.

If you are unsure whether a child or youth is eligible to apply for audiology benefits, contact Medical Benefits toll-free at 1 888 613-3232. Please provide the child or youth's name, date of birth, and identify yourself as an audiology clinic.

### **Audiology Benefits**

Audiology equipment includes:

- Hearing Aids
- Bone anchored hearing devices
- Cochlear implant specific equipment
- Remote hearing assistance technology

Audiology equipment is provided to a maximum of \$3,000 for all devices combined in a four year period. The minimum replacement period is four years.

Requests for funding of other audiology equipment may be considered on an individual basis. Please submit a letter clearly outlining how the regular benefit items will not meet the child or youth's basic hearing needs, to the address on page 2.

## Audiology supplies include:

- Swim molds
- Ear molds/acoustic couplers
- Dri-aid maintenance kits
- Air blowers
- Ear clips
- Diagnostic stethoscopes
- Battery testers
- Batteries

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Please indicate the total number of consumable supplies needed for an entire year on the Request for Audiology Benefits form. If approved, the child may access these supplies throughout the year, and the audiologist may invoice the Medical Benefits Program without submitting an additional funding request.

Authorizations for consumable audiology supplies are valid for one year from the date they are approved. For example, a request approved on June 4, 2018 is valid until June 3, 2019.

#### **Contact Information**

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