

**Payment Schedule for Hearing Aid Purchases  
North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Effective: July 1, 2015**

**Effective July 1, 2015**, ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) will apply the following rates when purchasing hearing aids for individuals receiving VR services.

**Level 1 Hearing Aid - Invoice price \$0 to \$500**

Pay invoice price for the hearing aid and Medicaid rate for the dispensing fee. (On July 1, 2015, the Medicaid rate for the dispensing fee is \$535.35 per aid.)

**Level 2 Hearing Aid - Invoice price greater than \$500**

Pay invoice price for the hearing aid and \$911 per aid for the dispensing fee. When Medicaid rates increase, the \$911 will increase at the same percentage rate.

**For All Purchases Related to Hearing Aids:**

VR does not pay shipping costs, nor can the provider bill the consumer for the shipping cost.

VR pays the Medicaid rate for ear molds. The Medicaid rate on July 1, 2015 is \$66.99 per mold.

See Operational Policy on hearing aids for additional information.

If the client is responsible for 100% of the cost based on VR's financial needs test, the client pays 100% of the audiologists usual and customary fee.

If there is client participation in the cost, VR pays their percent of the VR rate and the client pays their percent of the VR rate.

**Notes:**

The Medicaid rates listed are based on a 3% increase effective July 1, 2015. DME is "Durable Medical Equipment."

The term 'dispensing fee' is synonymous with 'fitting fee'.