

**Payment Schedule for Hearing Aid Purchases
North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Effective: July 1, 2017**

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, 2017, 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, 2017 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 audiologist's usual and customary fee.

If there is client participation in the cost, VR pays 100% of the ear mold charges (the Medicaid rate). On the remaining bill (aids, dispensing and add-ons), VR pays their percent of the VR rate and the client pays their percent of the VR rate.

Notes:

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

The rates listed above have not changed since 07/01/2015 due to no Medicaid rate increases since then.

*The 7/1/2017 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) schedule shows \$1070.66 dispensing fee for binaural. This is the one-time Medicaid payment to dispense two hearing aids. The VR rate is \$911 per aid.