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Are there any funding sources available for assisting with the cost of hearing aids?

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Assistive Devices Program (ADP) will pay up to a maximum of \$500 towards the cost of one hearing aid or up to a maximum of \$1000 for the cost of two hearing aids. Provided you have coverage (i.e., a valid health card) you qualify for ADP funding for hearing aids once every three years. The Assistive Devices Program will also pay up to a maximum of \$1350 of the cost of an FM system.

You may also have third party insurance coverage from a current or previous employer. Some insurance plans do cover the cost of hearing instruments, while others may cover only a partial cost or reimburse the patient for a set amount. You should always check with your particular insurance plan to see if you have coverage for hearing aids.

There are also benefits available to qualified Veterans who have served in the Canadian Forces. Veterans Affairs Canada is a national program accessible to veterans in each province and territory. You may know it more commonly as "DVA" which is the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), previously known as the Workers Compensation Board, is a provincially governed agency that provides coverage to individuals whose hearing loss has been at least partly caused by workplace noise.

Your hearing aids could be the best investment you make for yourself. Good communication is fundamental to all our personal relationships. The variety of hearing instruments available makes it very likely that you will be able to find good hearing aids in a comfortable price range. It is also a good idea to investigate whether you are eligible for various funding sources to help finance the cost of your hearing aids.

If you have further questions regarding funding sources or your hearing status speak to one of our Audiologists at the HearSay Speech & Hearing Centre (905)875-3345.