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**Topic**

Other

**Comment**

Hearing aids are a critical tool for communication, access to employment and self worth for individuals with hearing loss. The cost of aids for most adults and children is prohibitive resulting in the exclusion of these individuals from our work force, schools and communities. Hearing aids must be included as an insurance benefit, without this basic human right, many of our Vermont citizens will be marginalized and ignored.

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