



Low Cost Hearing Aid Resources

The price range of hearing aids is wide: anywhere from \$1,500 to more than \$4,000 per hearing aid. Finding affordable hearing aids in our area can be a challenge. Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC) has compiled a list of low-cost hearing aid resources in the Champaign County area. If you have any questions about the options listed below, or for more information, please feel free to contact a CCHCC Community Health Worker at (217) 352-6533.

Medicaid (IL medical card) covers hearing aid related testing, counseling, fitting, as well as the sale of hearing aids and their parts. Original Medicare and supplement/Medigap plans do not cover hearing aids. A few Medicare Advantage plans offer limited coverage. For those not on Medicare, some private insurance plans may offer coverage. Check with your insurance plan to see if they offer hearing aid coverage and where you can go for services.

Financial Assistance Programs

AUDIENT Hearing Alliance

Phone: 1 (800) 956-5400 x2 and ask for AUDIENT

Website: audientalliance.org

AUDIENT services people who earn up to 250% of the poverty line (\$29,425 per year for a single person household). Qualified families and seniors will pay \$760 - \$1,400 for one hearing aid, or \$1,290 - \$2,400 for two hearing aids. The fee also includes a fitting, three follow-up visits or adjustments, ear molds, and a manufacturer's warranty of 1 or 2 years. It does not include a hearing evaluation. AUDIENT providers exist locally in Champaign, Decatur, and Normal. To apply, contact CCHCC or download an application.

Lions of Illinois Foundation

Phone: (217) 359-6667

The Lions of Illinois Used Hearing Aid Bank (HAB) provides financial assistance and used hearing aids to needy individuals who cannot afford to purchase a hearing aid or do not qualify to receive an aid from the State agencies. Anyone with an Illinois address is eligible to apply and the extent of services provided are determined on a case-by-case basis. An application may be obtained from CCHCC or the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Lions Clubs in central Illinois are located in Champaign, Mattoon, Springfield, and others.

AARP Hearing Care Program

Phone: 1 (800) 203-7048

Website: <http://www.aarphealthcare.com/health-discounts/hearing-care-program.html>

AARP members are eligible to receive hearing aid benefits through their Hearing Care Program. Membership costs \$16 a year, Benefits include 20% savings on a wide range of digital hearing aids, 3-year manufacturer warranty, and a 3-year supply of hearing aid batteries of \$100 value. The closest network provider is located in Danville. Visit AARP.org to become a member.

Starkey Hearing Foundation's Hear Now Program and the **Foundation for Sight and Sound's Help America Hear Program** also provides financial assistance. However, they require applicants to have exhausted all other resources, including insurance, state Medicaid programs, family support, vocational rehabilitation, school districts, VA, church groups, and state or local programs. For more information on these programs, call 800-238-8602 for Hear Now and 631-366-3461 for Help America Hear.

Local Hearing Aid Providers

Carle Audiology and Hearing Clinic

Phone (Hearing Services): (217) 383-3197

Address: 709 W. University Ave., Urbana, IL 61801

Carle offers financial assistance through the Community Care Discount Program. If a patient is 100% eligible, Community Care may cover 1 hearing aid for patients who have bilateral hearing loss of 50dB or greater in both ears. They accept Medicaid. To see if you qualify for Community Care, and to get assistance in applying, contact CCHCC Community Health Workers.

Christie Clinic

Phone: (217) 366-1200

Address: 101 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61820

Christie Clinic accepts Medicaid. Contact their Hearing Aid Services for more information.

University of Illinois Audiology Clinic

Phone: (217) 333-2230

Address: 901 S. Sixth St., Champaign, IL 61820

The Audiology Clinic offers free hearing screening appointments. The fee for a hearing test includes a free hearing aid consultation and a hearing aid demonstration. Hearing aid recommendations are made based on three levels of technology and price levels. Patients are seen frequently during their 6 week hearing aid trial period so hearing aid adjustments can occur. The Audiology Clinic works with three hearing aid companies.

Audibel Hearing Aid Center

Phone: 1 (800) 605-9608

Locations in Champaign, Danville, Gibson City, Mattoon, Monticello, Sullivan, Tuscola and others.

Your first appointment is free and includes a comprehensive hearing evaluation. They carry a limited supply of refurbished hearing aids and offer payment plans through Wells Fargo starting at 0% for 24 months. They do not accept Medicaid.

Connect Hearing

Phone: 1 (888) 426-6632

Address: 2305 Village Green Pl., Ste. D, Champaign, IL 61822

Connect Hearing offers a variety of payment plans, from 0% interest plans to extended payment plans.

Illini Hearing

Phone: (217) 552-1730

Address: Robeson Plaza, 1801 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign, IL 61821

Illini Hearing offers a 0% financing plan to qualified participants. They do not accept Medicaid.

Beltone Hearing Aid Center

Phone: (217) 443-0682

Locations in Champaign, Danville, Gibson City, Hoopeston, Monticello, Rantoul, Watseka, and others.

They do not accept Medicaid.

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