

Important Communication

Hearing Aid Average Price Target

From 1 August 2019

13 June 2019

Disability Support Services (DSS) is committed to ensuring as many eligible people as possible are able to benefit from hearing aid services within available funding. Having reviewed service provision data and considered feedback from stakeholders we have decided to set the average price target for hearing aids for both children and adults at \$1,300 (excluding GST), per hearing aid, from 1 August 2019.

As set out in the Hearing Aid Services Notice (2018), every 3 months the Ministry of Health will assess each audiology provider's average price target. Each audiology provider is required to meet the average price target for the hearing aids recommended across its client groups.

We look forward to working with audiology providers in the coming year and welcome any feedback regarding the range of hearing aids available on the Approved Hearing Aid List, to meet the hearing needs of eligible people and achieve the average price target. Feedback can be provided to Ali Breckon at Ali.Breckon@health.govt.nz.



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