

Whereas, Many advocates believe that such assistive hearing devices should be partially covered by Medicare at the rate of \$500.00 per hearing-impaired person, less any amount received as a partial benefit for hearing aids through a managed care program; and

Whereas, Congress should include sufficient funding in the national budget to pay \$500.00 to each hearing-impaired consumer covered by Medicare; and

Whereas, In taking this step of covering a portion of the total cost of hearing aids, Congress would extend the benefits of the ADA to many of those in need of help, that is, those seniors who are sufficiently hearing-impaired as to require the use of hearing aids; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress to amend the Medicare legislation so that it includes coverage of the cost of hearing aids.

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