Applicant Information Sheet
Hearing Devices – Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) Replacement Sound Processor

What kind of bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA) replacement sound processor is covered by the Assistive Devices Program (ADP)?

Any BAHA replacement sound processor listed with ADP is eligible. An audiologist registered as an ADP BAHA sound processor authorizer can tell you about the makes and models available.

ADP contributes only to the cost of the most basic equipment required for ongoing daily use as defined by ADP for funding purposes. Funding assistance is not available to purchase equipment required for occasional use or single purpose such as school, work, sports, recreational or social activities.

Who can apply?

Any permanent resident of Ontario who has a valid Health Card issued in their name and

- has a long-term hearing loss;
- requires the use of a replacement BAHA sound processor for 6 months or longer;
- and who has not received ADP or other MOHLTC funding in the past five years towards a BAHA sound processor.

ADP does not pay for equipment available under the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board or to Group “A” Veterans for their pensioned conditions.

How do I get my replacement sound processor?

You must buy your sound processor from an ADP registered BAHA sound processor vendor. The vendor bills ADP for the amount it will pay toward the purchase of the sound processor and bill you for the rest of the cost.

Who can sign my application form?

You are required to sign the application form. If you are unable to sign, someone who has the legal authority to act on your behalf may do so. This may be a spouse, parent, child, power of attorney, or public trustee.

How much does ADP Contribute?

ADP pays the registered vendor 75 per cent of the manufacturer/distributor invoice price in Canadian dollars, up to a maximum of $2625 for a sound processor or 75 per cent up to a maximum of $3366.75 for a sound processor with abutment.

For people who are receiving benefits from any one of the following: Assistance to Children with Severe Disabilities, Ontario Disability Support Program, or Ontario Works at the time the sound processor is authorized, ADP will pay the vendor up to $3500 toward the cost of a sound processor and up to $4489 toward a sound processor with abutment.

If you require a replacement sound processor with abutment, you must also see a physician who is a hearing specialist (otolaryngologist). The otolaryngologist will complete the appropriate section(s) of the application form.

ADP does not pay for any sound processor that is purchased before it is authorized by an audiologist registered with ADP.

What if I am not eligible for ADP funding assistance?

If you need a replacement sound processor but are not eligible for ADP, your insurance company may pay for it. Agencies, such as the March of Dimes, Easter Seals and community service groups may help.

How do I apply?

Contact an audiologist registered as an ADP BAHA sound processor authorizer. The audiologist will perform an assessment to determine your eligibility for funding assistance and select the appropriate make and model of BAHA sound processor that meets your hearing needs.

Eligibility for ADP funding assistance is based on established policies. If you are determined eligible the authorizer will complete the appropriate section(s) of the application form.
Is my BAHA sound processor covered by a warranty?
The BAHA sound processor comes with a two-year repair warranty. You are responsible for the cost of repairs when this warranty ends.

Does ADP pay for repairs?
ADP does not pay for repairs, maintenance or batteries. You own the equipment and are responsible for taking care of it.

Who do I call if I have problems with my BAHA sound processor?
If you have any problems with your BAHA sound processor contact your vendor. Depending on the problem, the vendor may recommend that you see your authorizer.

What if I need to replace my BAHA sound processor?
ADP will replace your sound processor once every five years if it is not working and can't be repaired at a reasonable cost.

ADP does not pay for replacement during those years if the original equipment is lost, stolen or damaged due to misuse. We encourage you to buy insurance to cover these situations.

What if I have more questions about ADP?
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