

AUDIOLOGIST PRESCRIBED

Fit by a licensed professional with the loss confirmed by a comprehensive exam

Mandated return policy if patient is dissatisfied with performance

Verification of output levels, confirmation of appropriate fit and amplification

Audiologists are able to diagnose and treat all disorders of hearing and balance and evaluate all ages and severities of loss

Guidance with selection, maintenance, aural rehabilitation, and technology training

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OVER THE COUNTER (OTC)

Fit by the patient based on their perception of severity with no medical exam confirming the loss

No return policy proposal outlined through the FDA

No verification measures to confirm if the aids are adequately performing

Only approved for adults with mild to moderate loss, with no guideline for validating if the loss is truly mild to moderate

No fitting assistance or guidance towards appropriate style selection or rehabilitation strategies

HOW HEARING RESOURCES AUDIOLOGY CENTER CAN HELP

- Comprehensive exam to confirm the severity of loss and OTC vs. prescription candidacy
- Verification measures to confirm if OTC devices already purchased by the patients are appropriately amplifying
- Service and financing packages available for basic prescription hearing aids making treatment affordable