**Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids**

- Self-selection, but can consult with a licensed audiologist
- Self-fit, but can consult with a licensed audiologist
- For ages 18 and older
- Hearing test is not required before purchasing
- Self-perceived mild to moderate hearing loss
- One-size-fits-most or semi-custom
- Estimated to be less than $1,500/pair—consult vendor or retailer for exact pricing
- Return policy is not required by FDA; determined by manufacturer and state of sale
- Verification of amplification levels can be discussed if seeking care from a licensed audiologist

**Prescription Hearing Aids**

- Functional communication assessment with a licensed audiologist
- Fit by a licensed audiologist
- For any age
- Audiologic assessment is required before purchasing
- All degrees of hearing loss
- All styles available including receiver-in-the-ear, behind-the-ear, and custom molded models
- About $1,000 to $7,000/pair based on services and/or warranties included in cost
- Return policy is required in most states
- Verification of amplification levels can be determined by audiologist by using real-ear measurements (REMs) at the time of the fitting

Information from ASHA
Our Services: OTC Hearing Aids

BEFORE Appointment:

Have a hearing evaluation (not a screening). If needed, please contact our office to make an appointment!

If you have an audiogram within the past 6 months, please send a copy to our office prior to the appointment.

Consultation

Discuss with an audiologist if over-the-counter hearing devices are the right option for you.

Device Orientation

An audiologist will guide the patient to the best of their knowledge on fit, operation, and care of pre-purchased devices.

Please bring everything that came with the devices (ex: user's manuals, charger, accessories, etc.)

Device Check

An audiologist will check the functioning of the pre-purchased device. However, they are unable to make programming changes.

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