



Hearing

Hearing coverage on many UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plans offers **expanded hearing aid options**, as well as access to one of the largest networks with more than 6,500 providers.

Prescription and Over-the-counter devices starting at \$199

Access to more than 2,000 hearing aid models

What's new for 2026?



Copay structure and frequency changes

Tier 1 \$99 copay removed, the benefit starts at \$199 copay per device. The allowance frequency is now every 2 years while copay plans will remain every year.

Why UnitedHealthcare?

- \$0 copay for routine hearing exam.
- Large national network of hearing providers with 6,500+ locations and a variety of styles and brands of hearing aids*.
- Non-SNP, C-SNP and Partial D-SNP members have a \$199 - \$1,249 copay per device for a broad selection of OTC and prescription hearing aids.

How does it work?

Most members can receive 2 hearing aids plus, 3-year manufacturer's warranty on all prescription hearing aids and one-time loss / damage replacement. If a member on an **allowance** plan uses their hearing aids benefit in 2026 and is on the same plan in 2027, they will not be able to utilize the benefit again until 2028. **Copay** plans can purchase every year.

Members can access their benefit through a simple path of their choice:

- **Expert-guided path:** Members work with an in-network hearing care professional to receive a no-cost hearing exam and consultation. Providers help members every step of the way, from evaluating hearing loss, to finding the right hearing aid and providing ongoing support.
- **Self-guided path:** Members with mild-to-moderate hearing loss can shop online for OTC hearing aids without an appointment or prescription. Hearing aids can be shipped directly home, providing convenience and flexibility.

** Provider network size may vary by local market.*



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How does it work? Continued...

There are two plan structures: Copay and Allowance.

Copay structured plans are for eligible Non-SNP, C-SNP and Partial D-SNP members.

Technology Level	Hearing Aid Type		Member Copay per hearing aid
Tier 1	OTC	Rx	\$199
Tier 2	OTC	Rx	\$429
Tier 3	OTC	Rx	\$599
Tier 4	OTC	Rx	\$829
Tier 5	Rx		\$1,249

Allowance structured plans are for eligible, Full D-SNP members. Allowances range from \$1,500 to \$3,200 depending on the plan.

Technology Level	Silver	Gold/ Essential	Standard	Platinum/ Advanced
Price per hearing aid (before allowance is applied)	\$750	\$1,099	\$1,249	\$1,599
Example of pricing for pair (after allowance is applied)	\$0 \$1,500 allowance	\$0 \$2,200 allowance	\$0 \$2,500 allowance	\$0 \$3,200 allowance

How can you support your members?

- Help members know what to expect for 2026 and how to get the most out of their plan.
- Help members find a provider by visiting Jarvis > Quick Access > UHC Hearing Care Providers.

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