

ANCILLARY NETWORK

Audiology program

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, occupational hearing loss is the most common work-related injury. An estimated 22 million workers are exposed to potentially damaging noise each year. Of those, 18% have hearing loss. Our audiology program ensures injured employees receive the appropriate hearing devices, while controlling costs for employers.

More hearing loss does not have to mean more expensive technology

There are many types of hearing aids and accessories available for individuals with hearing loss and premium products may not always be the best choice. Hearing aid prices can also vary greatly between providers and regions. Most states do not have a stated fee schedule for workers' compensation hearing aids and audiology services, resulting in drastic fluctuations in pricing for the same products. Additionally, Medicare does not cover routine hearing exams, or hearing aids and exams for fitting them. Sedgwick's review of clinical information by an independent professional is often helpful in maintaining sensibility and ensuring that the device selected is the best price and the right one for each employee with hearing loss.

We provide access to more than 6,200 contracted providers across the U.S. In addition to hearing aids and supplies, our providers offer the following services:

- Audiology/hearing testing
- ENT evaluations
- Baseline hearing testing
- Annual testing review
- Hearing peer reviews

Bundling saves money and keeps the files closed longer

Our audiology program offers bundles that include all the supplies needed to keep the file closed for five years. Our bundling options include batteries, supplies, hearing tests, office visits and repairs.

Our comprehensive bundle can save employers \$675 over five years. The bundle includes:

- Hearing aids
- Free batteries, filters and domes
- Audiograms
- Balance testing
- Tinnitus testing
- Cochlear implants
- Service and supplies
- Five-year warranty
- Three-year loss and damage coverage
- Annual testing follow-up

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