The goal of hearing aids is to make sound louder so that it can be heard. This allows the auditory part of the brain to grow. This brain growth has to happen before a child can use hearing to learn to understand words, to talk, and to read.

How many times can my child receive hearing aids from CHAP?

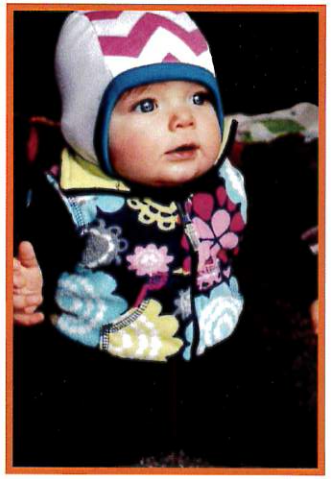
CHAP was designed to provide for your child's first set of hearing aids. If your child is under six years old and already has hearing aids, he may be eligible for CHAP only if his current set of aids is no longer considered appropriate for his hearing loss by your pediatric audiologist.

What exactly does CHAP provide?

CHAP covers the costs associated with the purchase and fitting of one hearing aid per ear (only if needed) and the cost of earmolds for three years. CHAP will also pay for the first three years of hearing aid visits with your pediatric audiologist. Any other associated purchases (e.g. batteries, FM systems, additional earmolds) are not covered under CHAP.

FOR RECIPIENTS UNDER 3 YRS OLD:

Enrollment in Early Intervention services through the Utah School for the Deaf Parent-Infant-Program is required for participation in CHAP. For more information or to enroll your child contact Utah Baby Watch at (801) 584-8226 or http://www.utahbabywatch.org.



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CHILDREN'S HEARING AID PROGRAM

Children learn so much by hearing. Early growth of the brain in the first few years of life cannot be made up later. To develop the auditory part of the brain, a child must hear his or her best all day long, every day.

All children with hearing loss should have access to resources necessary to reach their maximum potential.

The Joint Commission on Infant Hearing and the state of Utah feel that a child and his family should have access to high-quality hearing aids as soon as the diagnosis of hearing loss is made.

Utah's Children's Hearing Aid Program was created to help families in need receive early access to hearing aids for their children.

Zachary, CHAP Recipient

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To qualify for CHAP, a child must:

- Be a resident of Utah
- Be diagnosed by an audiologist with pediatric expertise as having hearing loss and in need of hearing aids
- Have their hearing loss medically cleared by a physician
- Be younger than six years old
- Be ineligible to receive a hearing aid through Utah's Medicaid program
- Not have complete insurance coverage for hearing aids
- Meet the financial need qualification criteria established for participation in the pilot program (currently up to 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)

I think my child qualifies. How do I start the process?

Participating pediatric audiologists have the appropriate application materials to begin the application process and can assist you in determining your child's eligibility to participate in CHAP. Application materials are also available on our website:

health.utah.gov/CHAP

How do I submit my child's application?

All application forms need to be submitted to your child's audiologist who will then apply to the program on your behalf.

If you are in need of an audiologist with expertise in diagnosing hearing loss and fitting hearing aids on young children, you can go to:

www.ehdi-pals.org

Emily, CHAP Recipient