

Serial Number **1953/77**



**THE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENTS HEARING AIDS NOTICE 1951,  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

PURSUANT to regulation 4 of the Social Security (Hospital Benefits for Outpatients) Regulations 1947, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following notice.

**NOTICE**

1. (1) This notice may be cited as the Hospital Outpatients Hearing Aids Notice 1951, Amendment No. 1, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Hospital Outpatients Hearing Aids Notice 1951\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal notice).

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1953.

2. Clause 2 of the principal notice is hereby amended by adding to paragraph (d) the words "and is not already in possession of such a hearing aid obtained under the provisions of the abovementioned regulations that is, in the opinion of an otologist employed or engaged by the Board, still satisfactory and serviceable or capable of satisfactory repair".

3. The principal notice is hereby amended by inserting, after clause 4, the following clause:

"4A. Where an outpatient of a public hospital has not received a benefit in respect of a hearing aid during the immediately preceding period of five years but is in possession of an individual valve-type hearing aid obtained under the provisions of the abovementioned regulations that is, in the opinion of an otologist employed or engaged by a Hospital Board, still satisfactory and serviceable or capable of satisfactory repair, the Hospital Board may pay on behalf of the patient towards the cost of replacing the hearing aid a sum that equals half the cost of the replacement hearing aid but does not in any case exceed £6 10s. No benefit may be granted under this clause unless the patient is otherwise eligible to receive a hearing aid."

Dated at Wellington, this 24th day of June 1953.

**J. R. MARSHALL,**  
Minister of Health.

\* *Gazette*, 13 September 1951, Vol. III, page 1375.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*]

Under the Hospital Outpatients Hearing Aids Notice 1951 a person entitled to a hearing aid under the Social Security (Hospital Benefits for Outpatients) Regulations 1947 may obtain a new one from a Hospital Board every five years.

The effect of this notice is that where at the end of five years the patient desires a new hearing aid, but the one previously supplied to him under the regulations is still satisfactory and serviceable or capable of satisfactory repair, the Hospital Board is to be liable for only half the cost of the new aid, not exceeding in any case £6 10s.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Health.