

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## **DISPENSING DISPOSABLE HEARING AIDS**

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The Board has approved a new policy that sets the conditions under which disposable hearing aids may be dispensed in accordance with the *Hearing Aid Regulations*. The in-province manufacturer/supplier has been informed about this policy.

The new policy, 2.96, reads:

Disposable hearing aids must be dispensed through a registered hearing aid dealer and consultant (dispenser). Fitting and verification measures must comply with *Hearing Aid Regulations* 20 and 21 whereby verification measures must be taken within 28 days after the initial fitting. Supplies of a prescription of disposable hearing aids must be obtained at the office of the dispenser. Disposable hearing aids cannot be mailed directly to the client either by the manufacturer/supplier or the hearing aid dispenser. The maximum supply of a disposable hearing aid prescription that can be dispensed at one time is 6 months. After a 6-month supply has been used, the client must see the dispenser for a follow up appointment for each additional 6-month supply of hearing aids dispensed.

*Regulation 20, Measurements required before fitting hearing aid, "Before a registrant may fit a person with a hearing aid, the registrant must have audiometric information in respect of that person, obtained within the previous 6 months, which shows the bilateral results of the following measurements; (a) pure tone audiometry for air conduction and bone conduction; (b) speech audiometry to obtain the speech reception threshold and discrimination score; (c) levels of comfort and tolerance"*

*Regulation 21, Measurement required after fitting hearing aid, "After a registrant fits a person with a hearing aid, the registrant must obtain the bilateral results of aided and unaided tests either in sound field or probe for fitting validation and verification within 28 days of fitting that person with a hearing aid."*