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This circular clarifies that EIA staff can reimburse clients for the cost of Medical Identification Bracelets and that Health Services is now responsible for approving hearing aids.

Medical Identification Bracelets

Medical Identification Bracelets are a health need. Clients do not need to receive approval from EIA or the Disability and Health Supports Unit (DHSU) prior to purchase.

MedicAlert offers the cost effective medical identification and is widely available. After the client has purchased their MedicAlert Bracelet or tag, staff can reimburse the client up to \$39.95 plus tax for their cost. The client must produce a receipt and Medical Equipment Request and Justification (MERJ) form or prescription completed by a Regulated Health Professional in order to get reimbursed.

EIA does not pay for the cost of a MedicAlert membership. Staff can inform clients that if they are interested in a MedicAlert membership, they can apply to MedicAlert to get the ongoing cost waived as they are in receipt of EIA benefits. Clients will still need to complete a Membership Assistance Application Form in order to have the fee waived and it should be accompanied by an EIA budget letter.

Hearing Aids

Provincial Services - Health Services is now responsible for the approval of hearing aids. Hearing tests will generally be sent directly to Provincial Services by the

audiologist/otolaryngologist. Hearing Aids and replacement batteries must exclusively be paid by Provincial Services. Please note the DHSU is no longer responsible for the approval of replacement hearing aids.