

ABBREVIATED PROFILE OF HEARING AID BENEFIT - FORM A

NAME: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (home) _____ (work) _____ SSN: _____

HEARING AID EXPERIENCE:

- Less than 6 weeks
- 6 weeks to 11 months
- 1 to 10 years
- Over 10 years

DAILY HEARING AID USE:

- Less than 1 hour per day
- 1 to 4 hours per day
- 4 to 8 hours per day
- 8 to 16 hours per day

AGE GROUP:

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Not employed outside the home, or retired

INSTRUCTIONS: Please circle the answers that come closest to your everyday experience. Notice that each choice includes a percentage. You can use this to help you decide on your answer. For example, if a statement is true about 75% of the time, circle 'C' for that item. If you have not experienced the situation we describe, try to think of a similar situation that you have been in and respond for that situation. If you have no idea, leave that item blank.

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B	Almost Always (87%)
C	Generally (75%)
D	Half-the-time (50%)
E	Occasionally (25%)
F	Seldom (12%)
G	Never (1%)

EXAMPLE

For some items, an answer of Always (99%) indicates few problems. Other items are written so that an answer of Always (99%) indicates a lot of problems. Here is an example. In item (a), an answer of Always (99%) means that you often have problems. In item (b), the same answer means that you seldom have problems.

	Without Hearing Aids	With Hearing Aids
(a) When I'm talking with a friend outdoors on a windy day, <i>I miss a lot of the conversation.</i>	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
(b) When I am in a meeting with several other people, <i>I can comprehend speech.</i>	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G

Please begin answering the questions on the next page

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1. When I am in a crowded grocery store, talking with the cashier, I can follow the conversation.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
2. I miss a lot of information when I'm listening to a lecture.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
3. Unexpected sounds, like a smoke detector or alarm bell are uncomfortable.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
4. I have difficulty hearing a conversation when I'm with one of my family at home.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
5. I have trouble understanding the dialogue in a movie or at the theater.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
6. When I am listening to the news on the car radio, and family members are talking, I have trouble hearing the news.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
7. When I'm at the dinner table with several people, and am trying to have a conversation with one person, understanding speech is difficult.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
8. Traffic noises are too loud.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
9. When I am talking with someone across a large empty room, I understand the words.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
10. When I am in a small office, interviewing or answering questions, I have difficulty following the conversation.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G

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11. When I am in a theater watching a movie or play, and the people around me are whispering and rustling paper wrappers, I can still make out the dialogue.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
12. When I am having a quiet conversation with a friend, I have difficulty understanding.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
13. The sounds of running water, such as a toilet or shower, are uncomfortably loud.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
14. When a speaker is addressing a small group, and everyone is listening quietly, I have to strain to understand.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
15. When I'm in a quiet conversation with my doctor in an examination room, it is hard to follow the conversation.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
16. I can understand conversations even when several people are talking.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
17. The sounds of construction work are uncomfortably loud.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
18. It's hard for me to understand what is being said at lectures or church services.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
19. I can communicate with others when we are in a crowd.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G

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20. The sound of a fire engine siren close by is so loud that I need to cover my ears.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
21. I can follow the words of a sermon when listening to a religious service.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
22. The sound of screeching tires is uncomfortably loud.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
23. I have to ask people to repeat themselves in one-on-one conversation in a quiet room.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G
24. I have trouble understanding others when an air conditioner or fan is on.	A B C D E F G	A B C D E F G