

## Hearing Aid Procedure

The Board may approve hearing aids if prescribed by a physician or a licensed hearing aid examiner. **Pre-approval by the Board is required prior to purchase.** Charges will be limited to those necessary to achieve functional correction. When seeking pre-approval:

1. Members must submit written quotes to the Board from at least two companies that provide hearing aids. If there is a Costco within 25 miles of the LEOFF member's residence, one of the quotes must be from Costco. **If the member wants to buy hearing aids from Costco they only need one quote, the Costco quote.** The quotes must be for the least expensive hearing aids that:
  - a. Will meet the requirements set out by physician, audiologist or licensed hearing aid provider
  - b. Fit the member properly
2. If the LEOFF Board decides to select a quote from a company that has a membership fee, the Board will reimburse the LEOFF member for the cost of the membership fee for the warranty period.
3. The final decision will be at the discretion of the board except if, the member wants to buy hearing aids from Costco, and the low quote is from Costco, staff can authorize the Costco hearing aid purchase without taking the request to the LEOFF board. **If the member wants to buy hearing aids from Costco, and they have only the one Costco quote, staff can authorize the Costco hearing aid purchase without taking the request to the LEOFF board.**

Hearing aids must have a three-year warranty. Reimbursement will be made for ordinary and necessary repair not due to carelessness on the part of the member, and for hearing aid batteries.