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New Over-the-Counter (OTC) Hearing Aids

What's it all about?

Prescription Hearing Aids

Fit By: Licensed Audiologist

Cost: \$600 - \$3200 each

Age: Any

Hearing loss confirmed and measured, with medical referral if necessary

Hearing Loss Severity: All degrees

Design: Includes customized options

Return Policy: mandated by state law

Verification of Amplification: Real Ear measurements to ensure appropriate level of sound

Hearing Aid Lifetime: 5 - 7 years with high reliability with professional care and maintenance

Software adjustment of hearing aids by audiologist to maintain audibility as hearing changes

Device Care and Assistance: Orientation and care from audiologist

OTC Hearing Aids

Fit By: Self

Cost: \$500 - \$1000 each

Age: 18+

Hearing loss determined by selfperception only

Hearing Loss Severity: selfperceived mild to moderate only

Design: One size fits many

Return Policy: no requirement included in FDA guidelines

Verification of Amplification: none

Hearing Aid Lifetime: unknown, with unknown reliability

Manual adjustment of hearing aids with self-perceived hearing changes

Device Care and Assistance: Instruction manual