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As a teacher of the deaf, I see the importance in coverage of hearing devices. Without the benefit of insurance coverage, most families struggle to afford hearing aids and other hearing devices. In turn, the pediatric hard of hearing population will lose precious time hearing and learning spoken language. Not having coverage and not being able to afford hearing devices will set these children and families behind on communication and schooling. Hearing loss is a disability, therefore the equipment used to assist this disability should be covered by insurance.