



FOCUS ON HEARING HEALTH

# What to Know about Hearing Loss



## Recognizing the signs of hearing loss

Signs of hearing loss can develop slowly over time, or they can begin suddenly. Struggling to hear certain sounds or syllables is a telltale sign of hearing loss.

An estimated 30 million Americans suffer from hearing loss and could benefit from using hearing aids.<sup>1</sup> Left untreated, hearing loss can have significant effects on communication abilities, quality of life, social participation and overall health.

## How can you treat hearing loss?

Hearing loss is a common condition, with many treatment options to restore one of your key senses. Treatment is dependent upon the type of hearing loss and individual's hearing needs.

To determine your best course of care, schedule an appointment with a local hearing provider who will make recommendations based on:

- 1 Your type of hearing loss
- 2 Your degree of hearing loss
- 3 The cause(s) of hearing loss, if known
- 4 Your lifestyle, interests and communication needs
- 5 Your cosmetic preferences and budget

**Your Hearing Network's 60-day guarantee** is the perfect way to experience better hearing. Call (888) 819-5333 (Monday - Friday between 8:30 am - 8:00 pm EST) for more information or to request a free hearing exam with a provider in your area.

**Limited Time Offer:** VBA members receive a \$200 rebate on advanced hearing aids.\*

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1. National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders ([www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/statistics/quick-statistics-hearing](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/statistics/quick-statistics-hearing)) • 2. Up to 40% off pricing as referenced in the Consumer Guide to Hearing Aids, details available on request. Discount varies depending on product. This offer is only good at participating Your Hearing Network provider locations and cannot be combined with any other offer or discount

\*Offer good through 12/31/2020. Rebates are valid only on product technology levels 3, 4, 5 and may not be used with any federal or state funded reimbursement programs. Rebates are not valid on returned hearing aids, please allow 60 days for receipt of the mail-in-rebate.

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can be debilitating without treatment. Most types can be overcome with professional hearing care.

### Symptoms Include:

Muffled sounds

Frequently asking others to speak more slowly, clearly and loudly

Needing to turn up the volume on the television or radio

Withdrawal from conversations

Avoidance of some social settings

### Did You Know?



With Your Hearing Network, VBA members receive a free annual hearing exam.



Members have access to exclusive hearing aid benefits including savings over 40% off high-performing hearing aids.<sup>2</sup>



Hearing aids come with a 3 year manufacturer's warranty, including loss and damage coverage.

# How the Your Hearing Network Hearing Care Program for VBA Works



VBA member contacts Your Hearing Network (YHN) by calling the toll free number (888) 819-5333 or completing the online form on the YHN landing page.

YHN registers the member and makes an appointment with a local licensed hearing provider in the member's proximate vicinity.



YHN sends an appointment confirmation email to both the member and the provider, along with helpful information about what to expect at the upcoming appointment.



The member selects from a wide array of digital hearing aids to meet budget, lifestyle and other preferences. High performance models with wireless, Bluetooth and smartphone compatible technologies are available.



The licensed audiologist or hearing specialist conducts a hearing exam at no charge to the member and makes recommendations on hearing aids based upon the member's hearing loss.

The provider orders the hearing aids and schedules an appointment for the hearing aid fitting in approximately 10 days.



The provider programs the hearing aids and teaches the member how to use the hearing aids in different settings.

The member receives a free supply of hearing aid batteries with the hearing aid shipment. Follow up care with the provider is included for the first year after purchase.

