

# CENTRAL ILLINOIS HEARING, LTD

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## Characteristics of Amplification Tool (COAT)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Our goal is to maximize your ability to hear so that you can more easily communicate with others. In order to reach this goal, it is important that we understand your communications needs, your personal preferences, and your expectations. By having a better understanding of your needs, we can use our expertise to recommend hearing aids that are **the most appropriate for YOU**. By working together, we will find the best solution for your hearing needs.

Please complete the following questions. Be as honest as possible. Be as precise as possible. The answers will help us to be more successful in our recommendations. Thank you.

1. Please list the top three situations where you would most like to improve your hearing.

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2. How would you describe your lifestyle? (**Circle One**) Very actively social or Somewhat actively social or Little activity outside of home or Very sedentary.

3. How motivated are you to wear and use hearing aids? \_\_\_ Very motivated \_\_\_ Not very motivated

4. How well do you think hearing aids will improve your hearing?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Not be helpful at all \_\_\_\_\_ Greatly improve my quality of life & hearing

5. How much difficulty do you have on the telephone? \_\_\_\_\_ No difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ Extreme difficulty

6. What is your most important consideration regarding hearing aids? **Rank in order the following factors, with 1 as the most important and 4 as the least important.** Please mark an "X" on the line if the item has no importance to you at all.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing aid size and ability of other not to see the hearing aids.

\_\_\_\_\_ Improved ability to hear and understand speech.

\_\_\_\_\_ Improved ability to understand speech in noisy situations (ex: restaurants, parties)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost of hearing aids.

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7. Do you prefer hearing aids that (**check one**)

- Are totally automatic so that you do not have to make any adjustments to them.
- Allow you to adjust the volume and change the listening programs as you see fit.
- No preference

8. There is a wide range of hearing aid prices. The cost of hearing aids depends upon the sophistication of the circuitry. We have five different levels (1,3,5,7, & 9) The more sophisticated, the more expensive. Level "1" is our least expensive option with manual controls while Level "9" is the most advanced and carries the largest price, also fully automatic. Additionally, the costs include the professional services for routine follow-up care. Proper follow-up with our office is directly related to patient satisfaction.

Knowing the above, please check the cost category that represents the maximum amount you are willing to spend. Please understand that you are not locked into that price range. It is just very helpful for us to know your budget so that we can provide you with the most appropriate hearing aids.

<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 Digital	\$1500.00 each or \$2450.00 pair	Basic ITE or BTE styles.
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 Digital	\$2100.00 each or \$3650.00 pair	All styles, minimal features, economy priced, for simple lifestyles.
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 5 Digital	\$2500.00 each or \$4450.00 pair	All styles, with advanced signal processing and features Blue Tooth compatibility.
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 7 Digital	\$2850.00 each or \$5150.00 pair	All styles, with advanced signal processing and features Blue Tooth compatibility.
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 9 Digital	\$3250.00 each or \$5950.00 pair	All styles, for the most demanding communication needs, advanced signal processing, superior localization ability, and Blue Tooth compatibility.

Some insurance plans have hearing aid coverage. You may call the customer service number on the back of your insurance card and ask for "benefits" for this information or Central Illinois Hearing staff can assist in determining your coverage.

**Thank you for your responses.  
Your Doctor of Audiology will use your answers to help  
formulate an individual hearing rehabilitation plan and  
amplification recommendation.**