



City of Longview

1525 Broadway
Longview, WA 98632
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LEOFF-1 Disability Board

Agenda

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

8:30 AM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 ROLL CALL

3 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24-00544 June 26, 2024 Regular Meeting

6 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

24-00695 Request for Pre-approval of Hearing Aid Expenses

7 APPROVAL OF BILLS

24-00545 July 2024 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$8,143.40

24-00546 July 2024 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$11,858.40

**24-00667 Corrected June 2024 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$26,157.22
Previously reported - Total \$27,360.61**

8 NEW BUSINESS

24-00696 Renewal of Delta Dental of Washington effective September

9 ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.



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LEOFF-1 Disability Board

Minutes

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1 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Halvorson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Don Barnd, Police Retiree Representative

Chet Makinster, Member-at-Large

MaryAlice Wallis, City Council Representative

Erik Halvorson, City Council Representative

Absent: Jim Morkert, Fire Retiree Representative

Also Present: Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary

Dana Beck, Payroll Specialist

Jim Duscha, Interim City Manager

3 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

24-00513 May 29, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Wallis, seconded by Member Makinster to approve the minutes of May 29, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

6 **MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS**

24-00596 Medical Equipment Rental Claim

Dana Beck explained the situation of R-16.

A motion was made by Member Barnd, seconded by Member Makinster to approve the medical equipment rental claim in the amount of \$3,711.99. The motion carried unanimously.

7 APPROVAL OF BILLS

24-00514 June 2024 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$8,192.40

A motion was made by Member Wallis, seconded by Member Barnd to approve the bills as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

24-00515 June 2024 Medical bills (Regular) - Total \$27,360.61

A motion was made by Member Makinster, seconded by Member Wallis to approve the bills as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary in the amount of \$27,360.61. The motion carried unanimously.

8 NEW BUSINESS

Member Wallis requested to be excused from the July 31, 2024 regular meeting.

9 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Halvorson adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the LEOFF-1 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Erik Halvorson, Chair

Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary



City of Longview

Agenda Summary

Request for Pre-approval of Hearing Aid Expenses

Attachments:

1. R-56 Hearing Aid Pre-Approval Memo



Memorandum

TO: LEOFF-1 DISABILITY BOARD

FROM: DANA BECK, INTERIM LEOFF-1 ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: R56 REQUEST FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF HEARING AID EXPENSES

R56 is requesting pre-approval for hearing aid replacement estimated cost is \$3,064.50. An audiogram and hearing evaluation from audiology appointment have been submitted for consideration along with a letter from the retiree.

Action needed on this claim:

1. Make determination as to whether R56 qualifies for reimbursement of hearing aid in the estimated amount of \$3,064.50.

Documents included for review:

1. Audiogram.
2. Hearing Evaluation & price.
3. Letter requesting replacement from Retiree.

0004174

Age: 2

Date of birth: 6/28/2024

Report Date: 6/28/2024

Tester: LWH

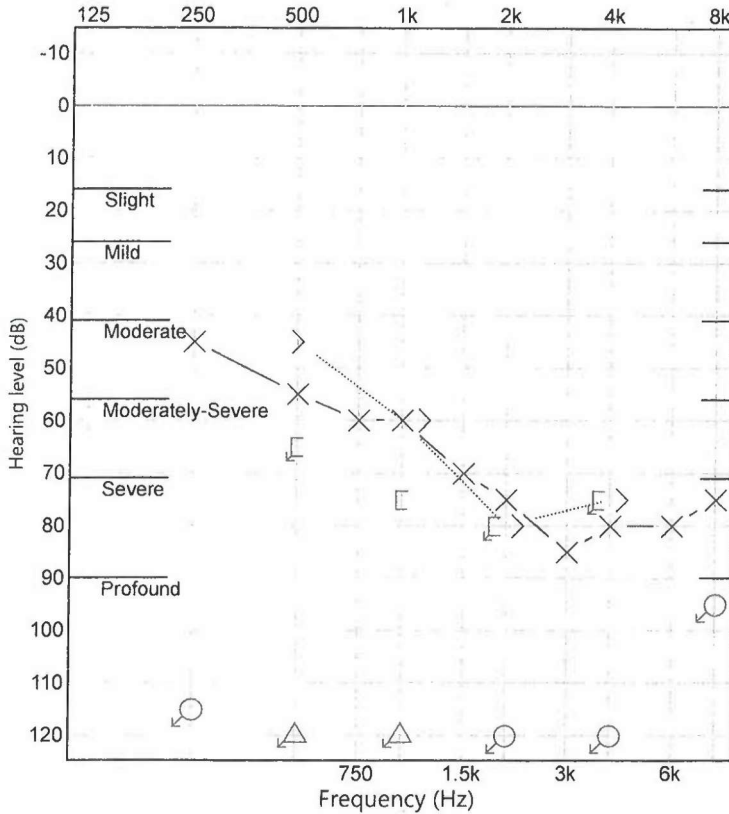
Report Comments:



**PeaceHealth
Medical Group**
Ear, Nose & Throat

AUDIOMETRY 6/28/2024

AC: Insert Earphones, BC: NB71



BC	AC	R	65	70		
		L				
	BC	R	75	85	85	90
		L				

Legend

L	R	Masked
X	O	AC
>	<	BC
S	S	SF
M	M	MCL
U	U	UCL
↓	↓	NR

PTA (dB HL) / AI (%)

	AC	BC	AI
Right			
Left	63	62	0

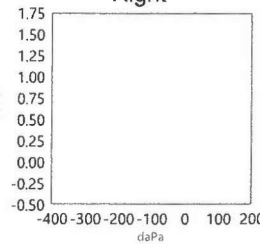
PTA AC: 500, 1k, 2k

BC: 500, 1k, 2k

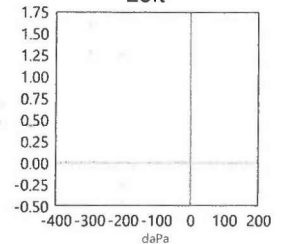
Aud Method: Standard

IMMITTANCE 6/28/2024

Right



Left



Tym

Right

Tone	Hz
SC	ml
TPP	daPa
ECV	ml
TW	daPa
Type	

Tym

Left

Tone	Hz
SC	ml
TPP	daPa
ECV	ml
TW	daPa
Type	

Reflex

Threshold (dB HL)

Decay (s)

	500	1k	2k	4k	BBN	500	1k
R Ipsi							
L Ipsi							
R Contra							
L Contra							

Stimulus Ear

Probe tone: 226 Hz

Speech	SDT	SRT	WRS / SRS 1			WRS / SRS 2			MCL	UCL
	dB HL	[m]	dB HL	[m]	%	dB HL	[m]	S/N	dB HL	dB HL
Right		CNT	CNT	CNT	CNT	CNT	CNT			
Left		60		88.0	85					
Bin										
Note	1 NU-6 List 2B				2 NU-6 List 4B					
Aided										
Note	1					2				

Reliability

Good

Signed by:

L. Hinson, Au.D., CCC-A
#60606 2827

HEARING AID EVALUATION

HISTORY:

~~Robert S. [unclear]~~ was seen today, alone, for a cochlear implant evaluation and hearing aid adjustment/evaluation. The purpose of today's visit was to discuss his communication needs and to discuss suitable hearing aids and assistive listening devices. The patient shared his hearing loss is communicatively significant and is impacting virtually all aspects of his life including family, social, and vocational settings.

The pt is currently a monaural hearing aid user (at his left ear). However, the patient shared the left device has not been working for ~2-3 months. Upon the initial listening inspection, the hearing aid was deemed weak. A hearing aid cleaning was attempted but did not resolve the issue. **The patient's current hearing aid needs an out-of-warranty repair. However, the pt would also benefit from a power/ultra power hearing aid at his left ear.**

RESULTS:

The patient's audiogram shows an asymmetrical sensorineural hearing loss, which is worse at the right ear (unaidable). Hearing thresholds at the left ear sloped from moderate to a severe sensorineural hearing loss. After completing behavioral audiometry, the patient was *not* deemed a cochlear implant at his right ear (due to the length of hearing loss being >10 years) and a new power hearing aid was recommended for the left ear.

Based on the patient's audiogram and complaints of difficulty understanding speech, specifically when engaging with his family, hearing aid(s) are deemed medically necessary to treat the hearing loss. **It is recommended the patient receive a left Phonak Naida L70-UP hearing aid(s) and a remote microphone to address the above-mentioned complaints. The cost of the device(s), ear mold, remote microphone and professional services are \$3064.50.** Hearing aids are also known to reduce the risk of social isolation and depression, and anxiety. The use of the hearing aid(s) will greatly enhance the patient's quality of life and improve the ability to maintain social contacts with family and friends.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A new power BTE device is recommended for the left ear. Pt to provide this letter to the City of Longview for review of prior authorization for the left hearing aid.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me via email (lhinson@peacehealth.org) or phone (360-636-4469).



Luke W. Hinson, Au.D., ABAC, CCC-A
Doctor of Audiology

LEOFF-1 Disability Board
City of Longview
Longview, Washington

Dear Board Members,

I am respectfully requesting the purchase of a single hearing aid for my left ear. My right ear is deaf and an evaluation revealed that I am not a candidate for a cochlear implant.

My current hearing aid failed a couple of months ago while on vacation. I had it evaluated by Dr. Hinson and it is outdated and needing rebuilt/replacement.

My hearing in my left ear has diminished since my last exam and purchase of current hearing aid. A hearing aid with more power and amplification will greatly aid me in better hearing in conversations, when driving, and in daily activities. The higher priced aid with background noise reduction capabilities will not increase my comprehension more than the features in the recommended Phonak Nadia L70-UP with a remote microphone that I can hold or attach to the person with whom I'm having the conversation. I therefore am requesting the authorization to order the hearing aid with personalized shaped ear mold and remote microphone for the indicated amount of \$3064.50.

I am including my audiology report from June 28, 2024, the recommendation from Dr Hinson, and the cost estimate.

I pre-approve any conversations or communications with Dr. Hinson relating to my hearing evaluation and the recommendation on this hearing aid.

Sincerely,


~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, LEOFF-1 Retiree
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~



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Agenda Summary

July 2024 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$8,143.40

Attachments:

1. Medicare B July 2024 voucher list

Medicare Premiums June 2024

Code	Vendor #	Year	
R59	000092	2024	\$508.00
R2	000122	2024	\$257.50
R5	000233	2024	\$382.70
R6	000278	2024	\$174.70
R34	000447	2024	\$164.70
R8	000465	2024	\$174.70
R9	000466	2024	\$174.70
R11	000632	2024	\$174.70
R28	000664	2024	\$174.70
R13	000666	2024	\$174.70
R14	000706	2024	\$174.70
R39	000740	2024	\$174.70
R40	000744	2024	\$174.70
R17	000827	2024	\$174.70
R64	000883	2024	\$174.70
R19	000963	2024	\$174.70
R44	001021	2024	\$174.70
R51	001106	2024	\$170.70
R29	001124	2024	\$174.70
R47	001226	2024	\$174.70
R21	001245	2024	\$174.70
R49	001402	2024	\$174.70
R50	001481	2024	\$159.70
R23	001511	2024	\$174.70
R24	001631	2024	\$174.70
R25	001644	2024	\$174.70
R53	001685	Quarterly	\$0.00
R63	001694	2024	\$174.70
R55	001714	2024	\$174.70
R56	001732	2024	\$174.70
R58	001823	2024	\$174.70
R26	002066	2024	\$174.70
R27	210058	2024	\$174.70
R18	210122	2024	\$174.70
R42	210489	2023	\$0.00
R48	211292	Quarterly	\$0.00
R12	211809	2024	\$257.50
R43	216727	2024	\$174.70
R38	217404	2024	\$174.70
R31	218105	2024	\$147.70
R33	218134	2022	\$164.90
R46	218350	2024	\$174.70
R41	223804	2023	\$164.90

R61	224982	2024	\$174.70
R22	225194	2024	\$174.70
R15	226325	2024	\$174.70
			\$8,143.40



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July 2024 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$11,858.40

Attachments:

1. Reimbursement July 2024 Spreadsheet

July 2024 MEDICAL BILLS (Regular)		
Member	Dental	Regular
R-09	\$1,033.80	
R-16		\$3,241.78
R-22		\$3,714.38
R-29	\$520.40	\$364.40
R-43		\$360.00
R-47	\$520.00	
R-55		\$65.00
R-56	\$60.60	
R-61	\$1,408.60	\$90.00
R-63		\$479.44
TOTAL	\$3,543.40	\$8,315.00

\$11,858.40



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Corrected June 2024 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$26,157.22
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Attachments:

1. Corrected Reimbursement June 2024 Spreadsheet

June 2024 MEDICAL BILLS (Regular)		
Member	Dental	Regular
R-16		\$1,046.42
R-16		\$3,710.00
R-22		\$3,594.56
R-31		\$592.00
R-38		\$16,005.00
R-43		\$360.00
R-49		\$40.00
R-56		\$38.00
R-63	\$130.80	\$640.44
TOTAL	\$130.80	\$26,026.42

PENDING APPROVAL

2 months LTC and medical reimbursements

\$26,157.22



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Agenda Summary

Renewal of Delta Dental of Washington effective September

Attachments:

1. Renewal of Delta Dental

Tiffany Ostreim

From: Corey Balkan <Corey.Balkan@ajg.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 10:13 AM
To: Dana Beck
Cc: Tiffany Ostreim; Sabrina Fraidenburg; Jennifer Cheney
Subject: 2024 - Renewal of Delta Dental of Washington Plan # 14254 - Cit of Longview LEOFF 1 Retirees
Attachments: We sent you safe versions of your files

Mimecast Attachment Protection was unable to create safe copies of your attachments.

Hi Dana – I hope your week is running smoothly. We have received the LEOFF 1 Retiree dental renewal numbers out of Delta Dental. The renewal is coming in just under 4.5% for the September effective date. Below are the current and renewal rates for reference. Would you like to schedule time to discuss or if you have direction on the renewal decision, that works too.

I'm attaching the summary of benefits as well and Delta's Summary of Changes and Clarifications.

	Current Rate	Renewal Rate
LEOFF 1	60.20	62.90

Thanks Dana and please let me know if you have any questions or if you have direction for us on the dental renewal. If renewing without change, I'm also attaching the following:

- Group documents file containing:
 - Signature page (simply sign and return if renewing without change)
 - Contract
 - Plan Overview
- Benefit Booklet
- Privacy Notice
- Billing and Invoicing information

Have a great 4th!

Best,

Corey Balkan

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