



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4753-8-01 Definitions.

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(A) "Hearing aid" means any wearable instrument or device, classified as a prescription hearing aid, designed or offered for the purpose of aiding or compensating for impaired human hearing, including all attachments, accessories, and parts thereof, except batteries and cords. This definition does not include over-the-counter hearing aids as defined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

(B) "Practice of dispensing" or "fitting" of hearing aids means the sale of a prescription hearing aid, and the measurement and testing of human hearing by means of an audiometer or by any other means for the purpose of selecting, adapting, and selling a prescription hearing aid to any person, and includes the making of impressions for earmolds. This definition does not apply to over-the-counter hearing aids as defined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

(C) "Dispensing audiologist" means an audiologist who is licensed pursuant to Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code and who is engaged in the practice of dispensing or fitting of prescription hearing aids.

(D) "Dispense," "sell" or "sale" means the retail transfer of title or of the right to use by lease, bailment, or any other contract, but does not include a wholesale sale to a distributor or dealer.

(E) "Assistive listening device" means an auxiliary aid which enhances ease of communication, telephone communication, and reception of important warning signals.

(F) "Advertising" includes all advertisements to the general public offering replicas, descriptive literature on assistive listening devices, wearable hearing aids or hearing loss, etc., placed by an audiologist licensed under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code or an organization whose business includes the merchandising of hearing aids and assistive listening devices for sale.