

Improving access to hearing care for adults in Saskatchewan



Adults in Saskatchewan should have timely, affordable access to hearing assessment and hearing aid services. Saskatchewan lags behind many other provinces in public support for hearing aids, particularly for children and seniors. Hearing loss affects communication, safety, independence, employment, social participation, and healthy aging. Access to hearing care should not depend on a person's income or where they live.

Why Hearing Care Matters

Hearing loss can affect every aspect of daily life. When left untreated, it can contribute to social isolation, communication difficulties, reduced workplace participation, and challenges maintaining independence. Timely access to assessment and treatment helps people remain connected to their families, communities, and support networks while maintaining their quality of life.



Barriers Facing Saskatchewan Adults

Most adults in Saskatchewan rely on private hearing healthcare services for hearing assessments and hearing aids. The cost of care can create significant financial barriers, leading many people to delay or forgo treatment. Access may be particularly challenging for those living in rural, remote, and northern communities, where services are less readily available.

Building a More Accessible Hearing-Care System

Saskatchewan has an opportunity to strengthen hearing healthcare by improving access to audiological assessment, hearing aids, and follow-up services for adults. Reducing financial and service barriers would help ensure people receive appropriate care earlier and can access support when they need it.

Why This is a Smart Investment

Improving access to hearing care helps adults remain active, independent, and engaged in their communities and workplaces. Earlier intervention can support healthy aging, reduce the broader impacts of untreated hearing loss, and help people maintain their health, wellbeing, and quality of life.



SAC is calling on the Government of Saskatchewan to support a more accessible adult hearing-care system that reduces barriers and supports healthy aging.

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