

# BC Early Hearing Program

A service of BC Children's Hospital  
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## Medical Authorization Form

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### Please note that our medical authorization form has changed.

Please use this revised form to authorize fitting of hearing equipment for infants and young children with permanent hearing loss. Continue to fax the signed form back to the requesting clinic to avoid delays in fitting.



### Audibility levels to determine hearing aid candidacy:

You may have noticed changes in audiology practice in determining hearing aid candidacy for infants and young children. We now know that relying only on hearing thresholds can underestimate childhood hearing loss due to the acoustics of small ear canals.

Audiologists now determine hearing aid candidacy using an evidence-based **speech audibility** approach which incorporates hearing thresholds and acoustics of the child's ear canal. This allows a more accurate assessment of hearing loss and leads to infants and young children with milder degrees of hearing loss being fitted at earlier ages.

Contact your local public health audiology clinic or [bcehp@phsa.ca](mailto:bcehp@phsa.ca) with any questions

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