Hearing Aid Purchasing Assistance

This program offers Miners’ dollar support for purchasing hearing aids. The dollar amount can be as much as $2,000.00, depending on whether a preferred provider is used or not. The board provides assistance by paying directly to the provider. If the Miner uses a “Non” preferred provider, the dollar amount paid is $1,500.00. Members of the PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) are listed below. To use this program the Miner must first register. Registration forms can be obtained on the Wyoming Miners’ Hospital Board web site: http://mhb.state.wy.us or the Miner can contact the Wyoming Miners’ Hospital Board’s office directly at 1-866-808-3004. Once registered, the Miner must obtain and complete an additional hearing aid claim form which is provided by the preferred provider or on the MHB web site.

Once required forms are completed they must be submitted to the Third Party Administrator (EBMS, Inc.), who pays all claims. EBMS’s address and telephone number can be found on the registration form, Wyoming Miners’ Hospital Board web site and on the Miners’ registration card.

PPO PROVIDERS | LOCATION | TELEPHONE NUMBER
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Active Hearing Solutions | WY- Evanston, Big Piney, Kemmerer, Pinedale, Lyman, Mountain View, Rock Springs, Green River, Lander | 877-842-9259 307-677-2293
Beltone Hearing Aid Center - Casper | Casper, WY | 307-237-7894
Beltone Hearing Aid Centers - Cheyenne | WY- Cheyenne | 307-634-7550
BRC Family Hearing Solutions | Rock Springs, WY | 307-382-2225
Campbell County Memorial Hospital | Gillette, WY | 307-688-6652
Cheyenne Hearing Clinic | Cheyenne, WY | 307-635-0435
Custom Hearing | WY- Big Piney, Evanston, Kemmerer, Lyman, Mountain View, Pinedale, Rock Springs, Green River | 800-205-9930
Ebia Hearing Instruments | Sheridan, WY | 307-674-8920
Fremont Ear, Nose & Throat | Lander, WY | 307-335-7555
Hearing Aid Center | Casper, WY | 307-473-5666
Heart Mountain Hearing Aid | Ralston, WY | 307-754-3464
High Country Audiology, P.C. | Lander, WY | 307-332-0058
 | Rock Springs, WY | 307-362-0055
Mountain View Audiology | Casper, WY | 307-266-4100
New Horizon Hearing dba Miracle Ear | Casper, WY | 801-631-8436 307-266-0980
Ogden Audiology Service | Ogden, UT | 801-479-3346
 | Rock Springs, WY | 307-362-8221
Precision Hearing | WY- Big Piney, Evanston, Kemmerer, Lyman, Mountain View, Pinedale, Rock Springs, Green River | 307-237-5813
Rocky Mountain Hearing | WY- Casper, Powell, Riverton, Gillette MT-Kalispell, Billings, Miles City | 307-472-1291
Superior Sound Inc., dba Miracle Ear | Billings, MT | 406-259-7983
The Hearing Center | Cheyenne, WY | 307-634-4100
Timberline Hearing, PC | Riverton, WY | 307-856-3847
University of Wyoming | Laramie, WY | 307-766-6426
Speech & Hearing Dept 3311 | Sheridan, WY | 307-672-2821
Wyoming Audiology & Hearing | Sheridan, WY | 307-672-2821
Wyoming Hearing Clinic, LLC | Cheyenne, WY | 307-632-8224
**Miners’ Medical Assistance**

Miners who incur costs for medical care related to Hearing, Pulmonary, Cardiac, or Musculoskeletal conditions, are eligible for up to $5,000.00 annually to help pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses for these conditions. Effective August 2010 all Chiropractic care has been limited to Twenty One (21) visits per year and a total reimbursement of no more than $50.00 per visit, with One (1) visit per day. The Miners’ Medical Assistance program is separate from the Hearing Aid program. However, this program does cover any medical condition associated with hearing. The Miners’ Hospital Board will NOT pay for expenses incurred prior to enrollment. As explained in our Rules; timeframe for filing claims is: “All claims for the initial period or a calendar year must be received on or before June 30 of the year following.”

**Prescription Drugs**

Miners who require prescription medication for these same indicated conditions due to Hearing, Pulmonary, Cardiac, or Musculoskeletal condition are eligible to use part or all of that same $5,000.00 for prescriptions. Costs for prescriptions are reimbursed to the Miner once all other insurances have paid. Claim Forms for prescription reimbursement are available at the Wyoming Miners’ Hospital Board web site: [http://mhb.state.wy.us](http://mhb.state.wy.us) The Wyoming Miners’ Hospital Board uses EBMS to process and pay all claims.

**Mobile Wellness Testing**

After reviewing the miners tested the past several years, we have found that 90% of those miners tested were actively employed, with health insurance that provided an annual physical. This is a duplication of benefits that was costing the board over a million dollars a year. The board decided in November of 2012 to suspend all Wellness Testing for 2013 and to take this year to revamp the program so that we can offer an annual Wellness Program to assist those miners that do not have current benefits for these tests.

If the Wellness Program is offered in 2014 it will not include annual hearing tests. If a miner is having hearing difficulties and is in need of a hearing aid, that benefit is already part of our Miners’ Hearing Aid program. If the hearing tests were being performed to meet the mandatory MSHA testing set forth as a company requirement that is the employer’s responsibility, not the Miners’ Hospital Board.

We will also not be offering chest x-rays. Annual chest x-rays are not necessary in most annual physcials and if a miner is having respiratory or cardiac problems, they can see the doctor of their choice. If a chest x-ray is warranted, the miner may receive assistance for those expenses through the Miners’ Medical Assistance Program.

Currently we are looking at offering annual blood draws, but we are working out the demographics as to how we offer those to miners with no insurance, or how to bill a miner’s primary insurance first since the Miners’ Hospital Benefits are always payer of last resort. Please keep in mind that the Miners’ Hospital Board offers BENEFITS to miners; is not an insurance program and those benefits are subject to financial limitations set forth by Wyoming Statute 30-6-101. We will make every effort to keep miners updated (by way of website information, newspaper ads and/or mass mailings) with Benefit Plan changes as we go forth.