

Re: Support for a telecoil mandate

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have been wearing hearing aids since 1953 when I received my first one at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. My first hearing aid was a body aid, and I have experienced many changes in the technology since that first time. My experience is that the introduction of telecoils in hearing aids is the greatest improvement, allowing people to understand spoken language on the telephone and providing a means of coupling the hearing aid to other, helpful listening technology, such as FM and induction loop systems as well as personal amplifiers.

In addition, the main focus of my work as a psychologist is helping people who have hearing loss and their families learn ways of living well with hearing loss (www.trychin.com). Part of that counseling involves introducing people to technology that is of great help in understanding what others are saying, including following what is said on the television. One of the most helpful suggestions I make (as reported by many of my clients) is the addition of telecoils in their hearing aids.

I believe that counseling audiology patients about the benefits of telecoils by audiologists and hearing aid dispensers should be mandatory in every state of the United States.

Respectfully,

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