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Hearing aids are essential to the healthcare needs of hard of hearing children. In my experience as an early intervention deaf and hard of hearing service provider, families are often so overwhelmed with having a baby with identified hearing loss that the battle with insurance companies to provide this basic service is more than they should be expected to navigate. By denying a child who would benefit from amplification access to hearing aids, additional disabilities and learning delays are created. Please support easy access to hearing assistive technology for all children.