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Insurance companies finding loop holes have long been an issue that needs to be addressed. Please pass this bill that fixes this issue for children in our state that are deaf/hard of hearing. Without earmolds, access to audiologists, proper fitting and maintained equipment we are robbing our children access to listening and spoken language. Without these tools our children cannot function in the classroom or their social lives during this key phase of childhood development. We need insurance companies to actually pay for what the children need instead of what they choose to cover. Denying children multiple sets of earmolds a year is like telling a kid you will only buy them one pair of shoes a year non matter how tight or ill fitting they become. It makes no logical sense at all so please help right the loop hole these companies have found and provide our children with the services they need to access the language around them.