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The impact of hearing on a child's development is crucial and can be seen in audiology clinics and schools every day. The insurance assistance that has been provided since 2018 has made a visible impact and has relieved the financial stress families bear with a child with hearing impairments. This new bill, to modify insurance coverage of other hearing related services and equipment will help continue to support families with the pieces that are involved with hearing devices. Families should not have to worry about battery costs, repairs or related services, etc. Their main concern should be getting their child the support and services they need to be successful. This can be accomplished with this new bill of modifications. It is our duty as hearing care providers to help support our families, and most importantly our pediatric patients, so that they have the ability to reach their potential in their home and academic environments.