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I firmly believe that all insurance carriers should provide coverage for hearing aids, cochlear implants, (including batteries, ear molds, tubing, etc.) and audiology services for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Providing access to this equipment and service not only eases the burden for families trying to access medical care, it also provides equal access for communication. Individuals who utilize listening and spoken language as their primary mode of communication need their equipment to communicate and function in society. It is essential that insurance carriers are mandated to provide coverage. Thank you for your consideration.
-Shannon Sandri, parent, teacher, advocate, friend.