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Hearing services should be covered by health insurance. My daughter is the only deaf member in my family and thankfully, we have been able to provide hearing aids, FM technology and cochlear implant surgery with assistance from our generous insurance plan that my husband works for as physician (KP-Northwest) However, I know many families who are not as fortunate. Having access to these services and technology has really allowed my daughter to thrive and live to her greatest potential. Prior to finding out about her hearing loss, she was really struggling with teachers describing her as withdrawn and unmotivated. I can't imagine that such life changing technology could be denied to any child due to their families' inability to pay for it.