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Senate Bill 1207: Sponsor is Senator Vince Leach (R-LD11)

AHCCCS bill: To remove the exclusion of SLP services and cochlear implants

in the AHCCCS legislation for adults 21+

- This bill was brought forth by ArSHA and Dr. Shawn Stevens (a neuro-otologist in Phoenix)
- History: In 2010, the Arizona legislature passed HB 2010 that excluded coverage for outpatient speech-language pathology services, hearing aids, cochlear implants.
- 2023: ArSHA ran SB 1016 which would have removed the exclusion of outpatient SLP services for AHCCCS patients over the age of 21. This bill failed to pass.
- 2025: ArSHA has coordinated with Dr. Shawn Stevens to remove the exclusion of outpatient speech-language pathology services and cochlear implant services for the 21+ population.

LINK TO THE FULL TEXT OF THE BILL:

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/1r/bills/sb1207p.htm>

Bills that ARSHA is supporting:

Senate Bill 1075: Sponsor is Senator T.J. Shope (R-LD16)

ASLP-IC: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

- This bill was brought forth by Sevita Medical
- The ASLP-IC will certify that audiologists and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) have met acceptable standards of practice, promote cooperation between compact states in the areas of licensure and regulation, and offer a higher degree of consumer protection across state lines. [You do not need to hold the CCC to participate in this Compact. Your state license will suffice.](#)
- Licensed audiologists and SLPs will be able to practice in person or through telepractice across state lines via a privilege to practice.
- The ASLP-IC will increase access to client, patient, and student care and will facilitate continuity of care when clients, patients, and students relocate/travel.

- Audiologists and SLPs will be able to provide services to populations currently underserved or geographically isolated as well as allow military personnel and spouses to maintain their profession when relocation

LINK TO FULL TEXT OF THE BILL:

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/1r/bills/sb1075p.htm>

House Bill 2125: Sponsor is Representative Julie Willoughby (R-LD 17)

Insurance coverage for hearing aids, cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing aids for children

- This bill was brought forth by Representative Julie Willoughby (R-LD13, Majority Whip). She also sponsored a similar bill in 2024 (HB 2112) which did not pass.
- Summary: Companies that issue insurance coverage in the state of Arizona “will provide full coverage for any hearing aid and related services for an enrollee who is under the age of 18 or who is under 21 years of age if that enrollee is still attending high school”.
 - o Hearing aid is defined as “durable medical equipment that is of a design and circuitry to optimize audibility and listening skills in the environment commonly experienced by children”.
 - Includes: “cochlear implants, bone conduction hearing devices and any other device that is intended to amplify or create hearing”.

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<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/57leg/1r/bills/hb2125p.htm>