

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Subject: Hearing Aids

Referred to: Council on Medical Service

1 Whereas, a significant number of the population, especially the elderly, have
2 difficulty hearing; and

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4 Whereas, the rules for safety and effectiveness have been slow to develop; and

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6 Whereas, performance requirements need to be defined; and

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8 Whereas, the cost may be prohibitive for many individuals to purchase hearing
9 aids – especially by senior citizens; and

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11 Whereas, the legal system in Washington has been slow to define what type of
12 hearing amplification or hearing devices should be available over-the-counter without a
13 physician’s prescription; therefore, be it

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15 RESOLVED, that ISMS recommends that devices such as personal sound
16 amplification products – PSAP – be available over the counter; and be it further

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18 RESOLVED, that the ISMS work with the appropriate agencies to finalize over-
19 the-counter hearing aid regulation and provision.

Fiscal Note:

n/a

Existing ISMS policy and action related to this issue:

None.