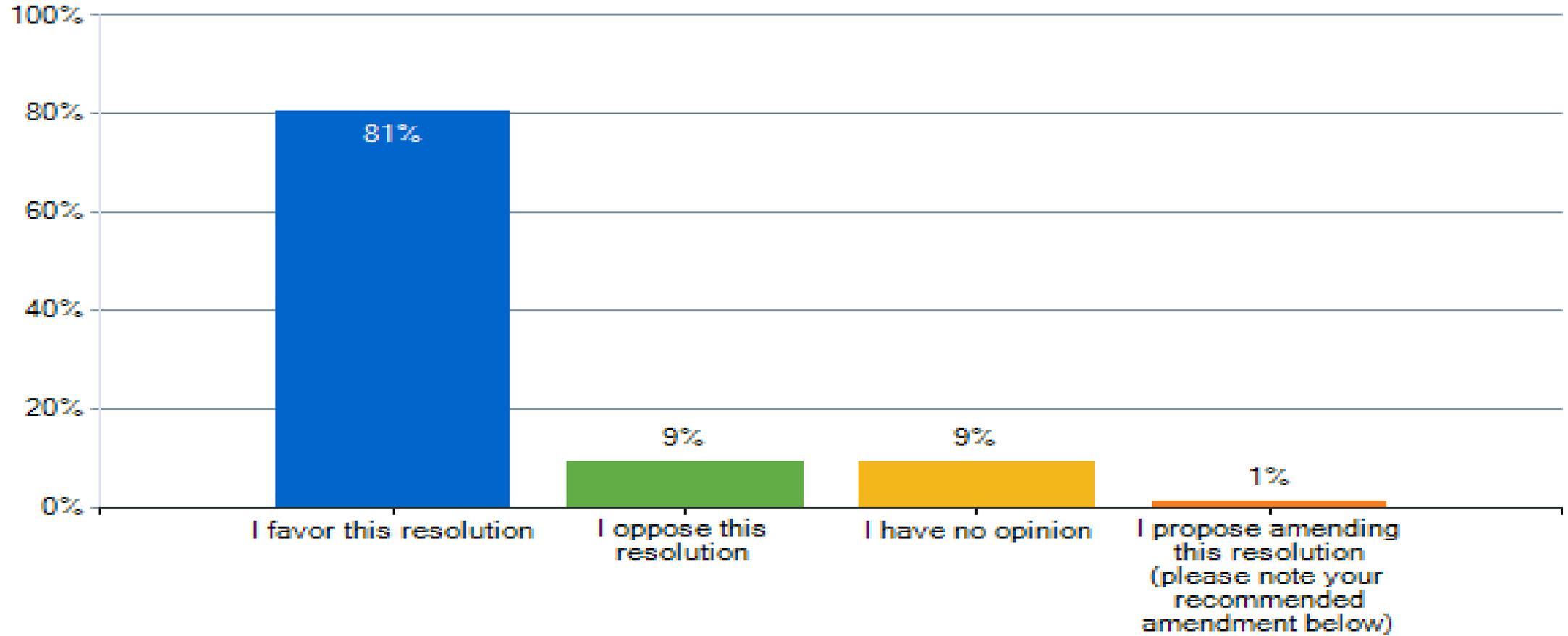
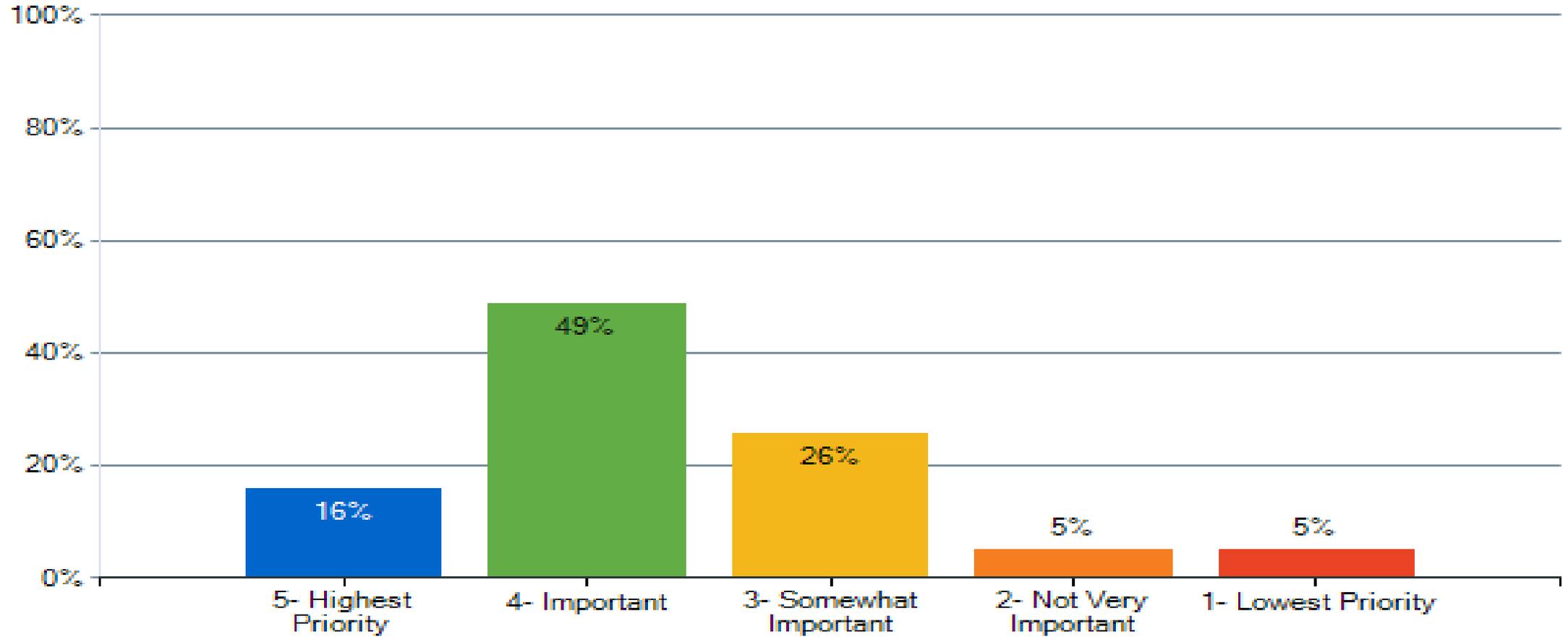


Hearing Aids



165 responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



164 responses

Comments

SR No.	Response No.	Response Text
1	3	I support
2	12	I think a formal comment and recommendation from a otolaryngology society should be sought. While there will be reservations concerning specialty turf / business protection, I would trust them to recommend parameters for testing, potential dangers or missed diagnoses, and scope of devices that would or would not be appropriate
3	13	I agree fully. These hearing aids have become so high tech that a computer literate user can play with programming on a computer to obtain his/her best hearing profile. The fit can be adjusted such as we do with ear buds. Many hard of hearing are just using high tech ear buds with great success.
4	45	Need to have professional eval as to whether and which PSAP devices are appropriate
5	49	agree
6	60	Better that hearing aids be a covered service from insurance and Medicare
7	64	Why was this ever an issue in the first place?
8	67	This Resolution states in the Whereas clauses that rules for safety and effectiveness and performance requirements are not yet developed or defined and then recommends that they be available now in the first Resolve. and then in the Second, that ISMS work on the regulation of their appropriate use after this approval. This is backwards. ISMS should not recommend the blanket approval of an industry's product before there is an appropriate determination of its safety and effectiveness.
9	70	I think the thing is going to be OTC in autumn according to the news paper articles
10	72	there are PSAP available over the counter now.....this resolution is simply not needed
11	78	What is current policy on eyeglasses ? Also a common need among the Medicare age group that to my understanding Medicare does not pay for either ?
12	91	Sounds good since insurance doesn't cover much anyway.
13	104	No body ever overdosed from wearing a hearing aid.
14	106	Very reasonable policy to help improve accessibility of these devices which have a huge impact on QOL for many patients
15	110	OK this sounds like a reasonable idea. Can damage to hearing be done by these things? What are the risks of OTC use?
16	112	Long overdue. Curious audiologist opinion, cannot see reason to hold up over the counter.

17	123	If this will bring down the cost of the devices, it deserves our support.
18	128	It would be better to have Medicare or insurance pay for them. Putting the over-the-counter doesn't help with cost or maintenance.
19	129	My concern is that this may open the door to abuse of the public.
20	142	Sounds good. Members should know you can already buy hearing aids for hunting including the " Walker Ear".
21	163	Being a Gerontologist I have seen some patients thought to be demented but when found out were hard of hearing and treated were "cured" of their dementia
22	173	As a hearing aid wearer, I wholeheartedly agree.
23	180	I would want to hear from Audiologists as to any potential downsides of this Resolve. On face value it looks reasonable, but I cannot support it without hearing more of the "pros" and any of the "cons" of this Resolve. I oppose this resolution until I can get more information; hopefully ISMS will make more information available.
24	182	An otologist is necessary to characterize the type of hearing loss in order to provide the best possible chance of adequate hearing restoration. Not everyone will benefit from hearing aids and certainly not everyone can utilize the same device. How do you propose to provide these quite necessary services if they are over-the-counter provided at cut-rate prices. Do we go to let the buyer beware? Lots of sound amplification devices are ALREADY over-the-counter, some cheap and some not so. I agree that hearing aids are outrageously priced but that is a different problem entirely. If you want to correct that problem, then make them payable on ALL insurance plans; that will drive down prices by negotiating power.
25	186	This is outside the mission of ISMS and should not be pursued.
26	193	This is really an important issue. Making access easier for our senior citizens is humane and necessary. The costs of hearing aids need to come down. No senior should be deprived of the precious need to hear in our society. Loss of hearing impairs communication terribly and can lead to mental health problems, cognitive problems, and accidents. Quality of life decreases with such a loss. Let's be humane as a society and get the costs down and access up.
27	197	I am absolutely opposed to this resolution. Proper fitting of hearing aids is important and difficult. They are also,expensive. Allowing non qualified persons to fit and "prescribe" hearing aids will lead to hucksters taking advantage of seniors prescribing the wrong hearing aids, potentially fleecing them of thousands of dollars. And patients failing to gain needed hearing that can improve their quality of life. Patients with properly fitted hearing aids are less likely to lose important social interactions, and

28	198	<p>less likely to slip into depression. Do not do this, it will be a disaster.</p> <p>First, there is a concern that this not become an avenue to exploit those who are hearing impaired by creating a free market which could have inferior products being sold to those who do not need them, or would need a higher quality product than patients would be willing to afford. Second, patients should have a doctor or a hearing specialist determine their degree of hearing impairment. This could be seen by some as an infringement on scope of practice for ENT and audiologists. This is truly a national issue and should truly be referred to the AMA, would need to put a fiscal note to this to see if the ISMS actually has resources to support this. There is to my understanding some effort to get coverage for hearing aids in Medicare and Medicare Advantage programs.</p>
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