



New Services Manager for Hearing Aid Services

15 June 2011

We are delighted that **accessible** has been appointed as the national Services Manager for hearing aid services. We currently manage the Ministry of Health's (the Ministry) Equipment and Modification Services contract for the Auckland and Northland regions (north of Bombay hills) and look forward to applying the experience developed within this contract to the management of hearing aid services.

The new national hearing aid services will commence on 1st July 2011 and includes:

- **Hearing Aid Funding Scheme**
- **Hearing Aid Subsidy Scheme**

As the Services Manager for hearing aid services, **accessible** is committed to making the transition from the previous administration system to the new single service provider as smooth as possible for audiologists, audiology providers, manufacturers of hearing aids and people with a hearing loss who are eligible for Ministry funding towards hearing aids.

We are working closely with the Ministry, the New Zealand Audiological Society executive, HIMADA and other key parties to ensure the successful implementation of the new national service.

We will be in contact very soon with more detailed information about the application and claim processes, including manuals and application forms to ensure a smooth transition from 1st July 2011.

In the meantime, please continue using the current processes and forms with both Accessable and Enable New Zealand up to 5pm on 30 June 2011. This includes applications and claims for children's hearing aids and the hearing aid subsidy.

We look forward to working with you in delivering an excellent Hearing Aid Service for eligible people living with a hearing loss.

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Regards
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