

## Widex Pediatric Hearing Assistance Program

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### Synopsis:

The Widex Pediatric Hearing Assistance Program (PHAP) allows children to receive hearing aids at no cost while being closely monitored through the Audiology Department. Hearing impaired children 3 years and younger with bilateral hearing impairment can be selected for the study. The children who meet criteria receive amplification devices at no charge. The children are followed within the Audiology Department and receive biannual audiologic evaluations, speech evaluations and hearing aid performance checks. The audiologic data which is collected at each visit is mailed to Widex Hearing Aid Company. The data is compiled with additional information sent in by several participating centers within the US. This study has proven digital amplification devices provide significant audibility and benefit to hearing impaired children. The study is ongoing for three years. Following the completion of the study the children keep their hearing aids and continue to be followed at our center.