



# Waganakising Odawak

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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### LTBB HEARING AID PROGRAM REGULATIONS

REG-TR- 032218-01 040518-01

- I. Purpose.** To establish regulations Pursuant to Tribal Resolution #032218-01, Supplemental Funding Program for Establishing a Hearing Aid program, to assist Tribal Citizens with the purchase of hearing aids.
- A. The Mina Mskiki Gumik Department shall receive and process requests for hearing aids. The Mina Mskiki Gumik Department shall create a line item in future budgets to continue providing the hearing aid assistance.
  - B. The Mina Mskiki Gumik Department program will provide services to all enrolled Little Traverse Bays Bands of Odawa Citizens.
  - C. The hearing aid program provides for LTBB citizens who have provider documentation stating the LTBB Citizen condition requires repairs or corrective action based on a medical need and/or their present condition has diminished and/or compromised their quality of life.
  - D. The LTBB Citizen must exhaust all their available medical / hearing aid options before applying for this program. The hearing aid program is the payer of last resort.
- II. Administrative Requirements.**
- A. Office procedures shall be adopted by the Mina Mskiki Gumik Department with regards to processing applications.
  - B. A brief explanation of the Hearing Aid program shall be published in the Odawa Trails at least quarterly and posted to the LTBB website.
  - C. Electronic and paper versions of the full Hearing Aid program regulations and procedures shall be made available to any Tribal Citizen requesting hearing aid

assistance.

- D. The hearing aid application will be processed once all required documentation within the Mina Mskiki Gumik Department program file is complete.
- E. If the request is denied, the Mina Mskiki Gumik Department staff shall notify the requestor within seven (7) business days of the reason(s) for the denial.
- F. LTBB Accounting Department requires original invoice(s) to process payments for reimbursement of the Hearing Aids.
- G. Health Department staff will obtain W-9 forms for all hearing aid providers participating in the direct billing option. LTBB Accounting Department requires W-9 forms for all vendors conducting business with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians before payment can be processed.
- H. In the event a service provider refuses to participate in the LTBB Vendor Application process, the Tribal Citizen must pay for hearing aids and submit original receipts of the transaction to the Mina Mskiki Gumik Department for reimbursement.

**III. Limitations.**

- A. The hearing aid funds are limited to 1500.00 per device per ear.
- B. Tribal Citizen may utilize hearing aid assistance once every 4 years.
- C. Program is available until current years' funding has been exhausted.

**CERTIFICATION**

As Chairperson, I approve these Hearing Aid Regulations.

Date: 4-5-18

Regina Gasco-Bentley  
Regina Gasco- Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

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As the Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that these Hearing Aid Regulations were approved by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on APRIL 7, 2018 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent.

Date: 4.7.18

Fred Harrington  
Fred Harrington, Legislative Leader

Date: 04-07-18

Tamara Kiogima  
Tamara Kiogima, Secretary