Whereas, the non-medical treatment of hearing loss in children and adults is within the scope of practice of audiologists, and

Whereas, the current entry-level requirement for the practice of Audiology is a Doctor of Audiology degree which provides training in the full scope of practice of Audiology, and

Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of post-fitting counseling, education and rehabilitation provided by audiologists to children and adults who obtain hearing assistive technology (e.g., hearing aids, FM devices), and

Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of post-implant rehabilitation services provided by audiologists to children and adults who have received cochlear implants, and

Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of audiologic rehabilitation to educate children, adults and their families as to listening strategies and auditory management, and

Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of vestibular rehabilitation such as canalith repositioning procedures and tinnitus treatment.

Be it resolved that the American Academy of Audiology offers unequivocal support for third party reimbursement for audiologic treatment for children and adults with hearing loss as well as vestibular rehabilitation and tinnitus treatment, and

Be it resolved that the American Academy of Audiology is working towards this outcome with other interested partners who serve the needs of children and adults with hearing loss, tinnitus, and balance disorders.
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