

## **VISIT 1: The Assessment**

This 60-minute appointment with the audiologist gives the patient the opportunity to discuss all aspects of amplification, including styles, features, and pricing for hearing aids. Realistic expectations for hearing aid use are discussed, and a joint decision is made on what type of amplification would best suit the patient. Patients are encouraged to bring family members to this meeting.

If the patient wishes to obtain amplification on a trial basis, the order is placed. A non-refundable assessment charge is due at the time of this service. If this is a covered benefit by your insurance, ARC will bill your insurance carrier.

# VISIT 2: The Fitting

A second visit normally occurs a week after the first visit. At this time, the hearing aids are fit to the patient. This 90-minute visit will familiarize the patient with caring for and adjusting to the hearing aids. The patient will be able to practice operating the hearing aids. Measurements are made with the amplification to assure an appropriate fit. Additional adjustment appointments may be necessary over the course of the trial period.

Payment of hearing aid cost is due in full at this visit. There is a non-refundable charge for fitting the device and for verifying the hearing aid settings. If this is an insurance covered benefit, ARC will bill your insurance carrier.

# **VISIT 3: The Decision**

After a 30-day trial period, the patient makes a decision concerning purchase of the devices. If the patient does not wish to keep the hearing aids, procedures are initiated to refund hearing aid charge.



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