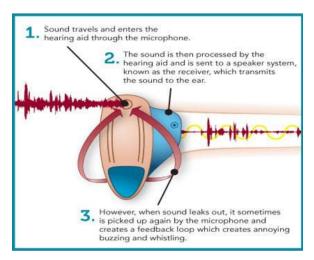
Hearing Aids

A hearing aid is a small electronic device that you wear in or behind your ear. Those are primarily useful in improving hearing and speech comprehension so that a person with hearing loss can listen, communicate, and participate better in daily activities. The loss can occur as a result of disease, aging, or injury from loud noise or certain medicines. A hearing aid can help people hear more in both quiet and noisy situations. However, only about one out of five people who would benefit from a hearing aid uses one.



How do they work?

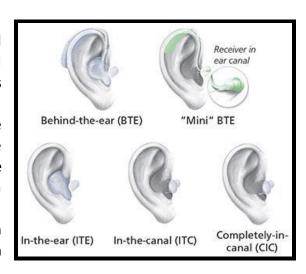
Almost all kinds of hearing aids work/function similarly even though the outcome needs to be different for each person.

- First, the sound enters through a miniature microphone where the sound is converted into an electronic, digital signal.
- Second, the signal is processed, boosted, and modified to meet the specific need of the user's hearing loss.
 - Finally, a receiver (miniature loudspeaker)

sends the processed sound through the machine which is fitting appropriately for your hearing aid system.

Types of Hearing Aid

- Behind the ear (BTE), consists of a hard plastic case worn behind the ear and connected to a plastic ear mold that fits inside the outer ear.
- The ear (ITE), fits completely inside the outer ear and is used for mild to severe hearing loss. Some ITE aids may have certain added features installed, such as a telecoil. A telecoil is a small magnetic coil that allows users to receive sound through the circuitry of the hearing aid, rather than through its microphone.



'Canal' fits into the ear canal and is available in two styles. The in-the-canal (ITC) hearing
aid is designed to fit the size and shape of a person's ear canal. A completely-in-canal
(CIC) hearing aid is nearly hidden in the ear canal. Both types are used for mild to
moderately severe hearing loss.

GN Group

GN has its origins in Denmark, which is rightfully ranked as the world's 'capital of sound' with its abundance of acoustical expertise in universities, research institutions, and private companies. GN's solutions are marketed by the brand's ReSound, Beltone, Interton, Jabra, BlueParrott, and Falcom in 100 countries.

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Microphone & Receiver-in-Ear hearing solution (M&RIE)

It filters and delivers the most natural sound out of all. M&RIE is a hearing solution unlike any other. It works with your unique ear shape to collect sound nature intended.





Beltone Boost Ultra

Various Beltone hearing solution ranges

- Belton Imagine
- Belton Amaze
- Beltone Boost Ultra

Beltone Trust brings you a full-service experience you won't find with other hearing aids. It is available in all hearing aid styles and used for all degrees of hearing loss.



Discrete Design solutions

Custom hearing aids

Hearing aids that are small, almost invisible, and tailored to your hearing loss and ear anatomy.



- <u>Invisible in Canal (IIC)</u>: The most discreet of our custom solutions, a nearly invisible hearing aid that sits directly in your ear canal.
- <u>Completely in Canal (CIC)</u>: A solution that fits completely inside the ear canal and syncs wirelessly with your smartphone, enabling you to take calls and adjust your aid's settings using our apps.
- <u>In the Canal (ITC)</u>: Its medium size makes this solution a great choice for push-button controls. ITC hearing aids offer a secure fit, easy insertion and removal, and longer battery life.
- In the Ear (ITE): Manufactured to fit securely and be as aesthetically pleasing as possible. Their bigger size accommodates a variety of feature options, including special controls that are easy to adjust.
- MIH Mic in Helix: Because of their unique design, MIH and MIHs provide natural wind noise reduction, better sound localization, and increased speech recognition.



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One of their latest products is Interton Move. A new hearing aid, designed specifically for people who like getting more out of life. With clear sound, seamless connectivity, and a rechargeable solution that can keep going as long as you do.

Features

- Enjoy crystal clear sound, even in challenging environments.
- New rechargeable battery technology goes with you all day long with up to 30 hours of power on a single charge.
- Lighting fast recharge time of 0-100% in just 3 hours



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Their customer service team is always ready to help you by phone, videophone/ASL, text or email. They help in finding the products that solve the challenges for the Specially abled. It starts with finding the fitting solution, to meet the hearing needs. And they also believe in giving the best price. Their website combes through competitors' price list 24/7 and automatically matches the lowest ones. That means shopping with Diglo gives one of the lowest prices available. Every time, guaranteed.

Products

The <u>Ultratec Minicom IV</u> is an affordable, basic <u>TTY (Teletypewriter)</u> model for use in acoustic mode. The non-printing TTY features a 20-character display and rechargeable batteries.

Features

- Tilted, 20 character display
- Turbo Code
- Auto-ID
- GA and SK Keys
- Rechargeable batteries
- Printer port for use with an external printer

Etymotic HearGear Rechargeable Hearing Amplifiers. This 2-pack

of Etymotic HearGear personal sound amplifiers is for enhancing hearing at an unbelievable price. Includes 2 amplifiers.

Features

- Behind the ear, 3 pairs of comfortable ear tips
- One-touch Control for volume
- Up to 3x sound amplification
- 48 hours life from a single charge
- Has tone control tuning for tailoring the sound to your situation



\$59.95



VTCSecure

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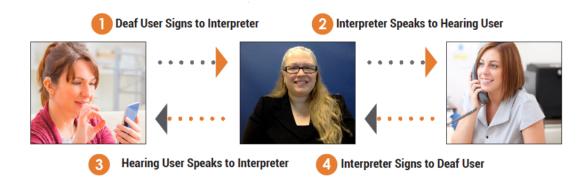
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It is a global leader for communication access for those with disabilities. It accommodates the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Blind, Low Vision, and Hearing difficulty Customers from one solution.

Products and Services

1. Video Relay Service (VRS) and Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) for the Deaf.

It allows deaf and people and people with hearing difficulty to communicate over video telephones enabling them to listen in real-time, via an interpreter. This call involves a deaf person using a video phone connected to an interpreter who dials out PSTN (Public Switch Telecommunication Network) to the hearing person. In the call, Deaf person, Interpreter, and the hearing caller can all be in different locations.



How does it benefit those who are not deaf to have access to VRS/VRI to communicate?

- Better, Faster, and more accurate communication between the Deaf & HOH.
- Encourage the inclusion of Deaf/HOH in local communities as well as state/federal.
- It leads the Deaf/HOH customer to be more self-reliant to make calls without putting any reliance on finding a hearing person to interpret or needing to stop by at the site physically.
- Using Video interpreters can be used more efficiently since one can be available anywhere

In Jan. 2017 the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) released an order that grants VTCSecure as the first-ever non-VRS provider to have access to the National ITRS numbering directory so calls can be accepted from current Video Phones and Deaf. Customers will now be able to contact any service hosted by VTCSecure by any current Video Phone issued by VRS.

1. Video Remote Assistance (VRA)

It is a service that provides private/secure, on-demand visual support for Blind & Visually Impaired Persons through the video/camera of their existing smartphones (Android & iOS). VRA securely connects Blind or Low Vision persons to a trained orientation and mobility agent using the video capabilities of their mobile phone or tablet computer.

2. Deaf to Deaf Call Centers

This allows any company to provide direct video service to their deaf and hard of hearing customers through live Video, Voice, Real-Time Text (as well as TTY-Teletypewriter), and offer an automated Speech to Text Functionality while in voice or video call.

3. SOLVES Hires

Live Online Vide Career Fairs can save time and money on recruitment and best of all, it requires no travel for the company or the interviewee. These remote fairs do not require the downloading of software and need only a web browser on a computer or mobile device. Using SOLVES also gives your organization the ability to provide Speech to Text for the Hard of Hearing, or add an interpreter for the Deaf making these fairs accessible for people with disabilities.

Some latest hearing aid products

Hear.com's horizon

Big features in a tiny, award-winning design. <u>This cool new hearing</u> aid is bursting with industry-leading technology and features that no other hearing aid on the market offers. Top features geared toward younger, active people include:

- Bluetooth connectivity for streaming music, phone calls, and TV shows.
- Wirelessly rechargeable (lasts up to 19 hours!); includes a portable charging case with Qi technology.
- Speech Focus: An extra boost of speech clarity for the most challenging situations (exclusive to the horizon).
- Relax Mode: Streams ocean sounds into your ears when you need some R&R (exclusive to the horizon).
- IP68-rated, which means it's resistant to moisture, sweat, and dirt.



Signia Silk X

Nearly invisible, a tiny design disappears inside the ear. This tiny device packs a big technology punch, using a unique algorithm that is clinically proven to deliver better-than-normal hearing.



- Crystal-clear speech clarity.
- Smartphone connectivity and controls.
- Compact, nearly invisible.
- Can be discreetly controlled via Signia App and miniPocket.
- Dynamic Soundscape Processing (DSP)

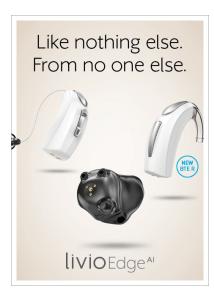
Signia App



Starkey Livio AI

Exceptional hearing goes far beyond normal standards. If you're looking for something that goes beyond improving your hearing, Livio AI uses artificial intelligence to offer health benefits, language translation, and more.

- Bluetooth and smartphone connectivity.
- Rechargeable batteries that can last over 20 hours.
- Brain & body activity tracking and health monitoring.
- It even has fall detection.
- Translate languages.



You could be eligible for partial or full coverage through Medicare or Medicaid. While most Medicare plans don't cover hearing aids, you might receive benefits if you're a Medicare Advantage plan member. Medicaid often covers hearing aids for adults and typically gives full funding for children's hearing aids.