

## Linked Senior Equipment Guide for the Hard of Hearing

*In partnership with the*

**Northern Virginia Resource Center**

**For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC)**

The objective of this guide is to help hard of hearing people find the right equipment to better address their needs and enjoy the Linked Senior service.

The equipment recommended is tailored to four different situations. Please choose accordingly:

1. If you do not have a hearing aid
2. If you have a hearing aid that is not equipped with a telecoil
3. If you have a hearing aid or cochlear implant that is equipped with a telecoil
4. If you have a cochlear implant without a telecoil

*\*A telecoil is a tiny electromagnet inside the hearing aid. It reacts with external electromagnetic fields such as the signal on a telephone or an induction loop used in large meeting rooms or in public places where assistive listening systems are installed. If you are not sure whether your hearing aid has been equipped with a telecoil, contact your audiologist.*

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### **1. If you do not have a hearing aid**

Examples of headphones that are compatible include:

#### **Williams Sound WS-HED021 Ultra Light Headset**

Has folding headphones. For mild to moderate hearing loss.



#### **Williams Sound WS-HED026**

A rear-wear headphone that rests over the ears and wraps around the back of the head.



## 2. If you have a hearing aid that is not equipped with a telecoil

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## 3. If you have a hearing aid or a cochlear implant that is equipped with a telecoil

Options for compatible devices include:

### **Williams Sound WS-NKL001 telecoil cord**

The neckloop plugs into a receiver's earphone jack to provide a magnetic signal that can be picked up by a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil. It is worn like a lanyard. It is suitable for a person with a severe to profound hearing loss. Available in 18" or 45" length cord.



### **The ClearSounds CLA7**

The ClearSounds CLA7 UltraClear™ amplified neckloop addresses the feedback problems experienced by people with telecoil hearing aids using telephones. The CLA7 also works with the Linked Senior player, cell phones, cordless and corded phones, and other audio devices.



### NoiZfree Dual Silhouette

Water resistant to sweat and rain, NoiZfree is a lightweight silhouette for telecoil hearing aid users which is worn behind the ear, next to the hearing aid.

It can be used with the Linked Senior player, cells phones, intercoms and other audio sources.



## 4. If you have a cochlear implant without a telecoil

Older cochlear implant processors without a telecoil can use a patch cord or telecoil adapter provided with the processor or obtained from the cochlear implant company or a recommended provider. If you did not receive a patch cord please inquire with your implant manufacturer for a patch cord that would work with your processor.

**For a complete listing of vendors of assistive listening devices contact:**

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