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“ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments

Recently, some providers are erroneously telling patients they don’t need/no longer need telecoils – “Auracast is coming.” Auracast is promising, but it will take time before it becomes commonplace, with limited availability of 1) Auracast-compatible hearing instruments and 2) publicly installed Auracast installations. Also, it’s problematic because, ironically, if users don’t have Auracast in their hearing instruments or cochlear implant processors, they need telecoils to use the Auracast receivers with neckloops.

Today, we at the [Center for Hearing Access](#), are deeply concerned about users/patients being able to easily connect their hearing devices to ALL assistive listening systems. These include current and future technologies: hearing loops, FM/RF, infrared, and Auracast. As you know, assistive listening systems are covered in the United States by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

To support and make your work easier, some resources:

- Hearing instrument list. [“ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments](#) (3 pages).
- [Open Letter](#) to hearing instrument manufacturers and providers, “ADA-Access-Ready” Hearing Instruments (one page). Please note #2 in the Declaration specifically for Audiologists and hearing instrument providers
- New feature article, [Helping People Hear Anywhere with Telecoils and Auracast](#) *Canadian Audiologist*, by Sterkens and Whyman. January 2025.
- [Resources for providers](#) including: CEU courses, verifying telecoils, and research
- Perhaps of interest, [Open Letter](#) to State Agencies (one page), “ADA-Access-Ready” hearing instruments