14 Questions.....For Persons who suspect hearing loss....

- What are the myths and facts about hearing loss?
 http://www.betterhearing.org/hearingpedia/myths-about-hearing-loss
- What are signs and symptoms of hearing loss? What is the difference between a hearing aid dispenser and an audiologist? http://www.betterhearing.org/hearing-loss-adults/what-about-hearing-aids And AARP and HLAA pdf
- 3. Where to find an audiologist: http://www.asha.org/findpro/ Better list, more users friendly.

Questions for the Audiologist

- 4. Checklist to use with audiologist/hearing aid dispenser: http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/Fact_Sheet_PurchasingHearingAid.pdf
- 5. How do I read my audiogram (hearing test)? <u>www.earinfo.com/how-to-read-a-hearing-aid-test</u>
- 6. What kind of hearing loss do I have and what sounds may be difficult for me to hear?
 - http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/Overview_HearingLoss_
 - SignsCausesImplicationsandSolutions.pdf
- 7. What can hearing aids do for me? Will I hear normal conversation with the hearing aids? Why/Why not?
 - http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org_/articles/health/docs/hearing_guide.pdf
 - http://www.hearingloss.org/content/hearing-aids
- 8. Will I be able to use a standard telephone with hearing aids being recommended?
 - http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org_/articles/health/docs/hearing_guide.pd f

9. Are there any other recommended devices to help me hear besides hearing aids?

http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/HLAA_ALDS_Brochure.p df

http://www.hearingloss.org/content/hearing-assistive-technology

- 10. How do I care of my hearing aids? And 8. What is the average cost of a hearing aid? http://www.healthyhearing.com/help/hearing-aids/
 http://www.healthyhearing.com/help/hearing-aids/prices
- 12. How long can I expect my new hearing aids to last? http://www.healthyhearing.com/content/faqs/Hearing-aids/Fitting/30926- Long-do-hearing-aids
- 13. Are there any programs that could assist individuals who might not be able to afford hearing aids and do not have health insurance coverage?

http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/

http://www.hearingloss.org/content/financial-assistance-programs-foundations

http://www.healthyhearing.com/help/hearing-aids/insurance-financial-assistance

14. Do AHCCCS plans cover any portion of the cost of hearing aids?

Some AHCCCS plans cover hearing aids, however most only cover a percentage of the full price. Be sure to check with your individual health care plan about hearing testing and hearing aid services.

General Contact Information on AHCCCS:

www.azahcccs.gov

Children's Rehabilitation Services (CRS):

https://azahcccs.gov