

BeyondHearingAids Newsletter



Bringing ALD Solutions to Professionals and Consumers

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Ameriphone/Plantronics Product Alert

As previously reported, Plantronics purchased the Ameriphone company and the transition has occurred.

Effective immediately, there is a backorder of ALL Ameriphone products, including the Alertmaster system and Dialogue XL30, XL40 and XL50 telephones. We have items on backorder, but the company is unable to give us an estimated ship date.

We're sorry for the inconvenience but will work with you to find cost-effective replacements when necessary to meet the alerting and phone needs of your clients.

So, if you need alerting devices, we'll be suggesting one of the other manufacturers and will be able to assist you in choosing the right combination. We will be recommending the Teletalker to replace the XL40 and XL50. The Crescendo phone and Walker Clarity will replace the XL30.

We'll let you know just as soon as the products are available again. While it could take one-to-three months to clear up, we hope it's sooner than later.

Becky's most current article has been published. Please check out the Advance for Audiologists May/June issue for the article "Today's Devices Meet Specific Needs".



Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness (SERID, Inc.) is scheduled at the Hyatt in Lexington, KY October 17-20, 2002.

Exciting keynote speakers will include Dr. Michael McKee, Dr. Michael Harvey, Dr. Cheryl Davis and Dr. Tom Holcomb.

There will be 8 concurrent workshops each day and a large exhibit area. There's even an event at Keeneland Race Track.

Look for more information at <http://kydvr.state.ky.us/serid.htm>

Come and join us for an excellent conference. You can also contact Becky Morris for more info.

NEW ALD SERVICE for No-Fuss-ALD members

When you refer a client to our office, it may be several months before you see any resulting paperwork. You may tell them to call us but they never do.

Our new **Referral Status Service** will help you gauge the effectiveness of requiring clients to make the initial call. You'll receive a faxed note when we make contact to keep you better informed.

See the August Updater for more details on how this new service can help you.

The goal of this newsletter is to provide tools, resources and information to help professionals be more successful in recommending ALDs.



Upcoming Schedule:

10/3-5 – World Congress on Disabilities – presenting, Orlando, FL

10/17-20 – Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness (SERID), presenting & exhibiting, Lexington, KY

12/12 – GA Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor training, Atlanta, GA

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New Products

The Link-It



Shown actual size

The Link-It is a new array microphone assistive device

According to the manufacturer, the Link-it array microphone is for any hearing aid user (with telecoil) who has difficulty understanding speech in noise. One Link-it provides 7-10 dB improvement in signal to noise ratio. Binaural Link-it fittings give approximately 2-3 dB additional improvement as compared to monaural listening. It is designed to be worn over the ear and fit comfortably next to BTEs and eyeglasses.

There are 3 microphones within the Link-it providing directional listening. It provides an induction signal to the hearing aid telecoil, there are no boots, wires, or other components.

Adjust the array microphone for right or left ear, place on the ear and insert the hearing aid. Turn on the telecoil and adjust the hearing aid's volume control for conversational speech. This will work best when background noise is present such as public areas, cafeterias, restaurants, etc. when trying to talk to someone close to you. It is not designed for large areas. We are getting good response on these and have them available. Item# LINKIT - \$675.00.

HATIS Producer ITE communication device for hearing aids with telecoils

HATIS has a headset that is now compatible with ITE hearing aids that have telecoils.

The earpiece has built-in induction and will sit over the hearing aid. You must turn on the telecoil. The boom microphone is feather-light and allows a person to plug into cell phones, cordless phones and regular phones (with an amplifier and adapter).



The Producer is Item# HATIS-PROD - \$129.95.

This system gives ITE users a chance to use the hands-free option on most all telephones.

The special amplifier and adapter for most office phones (any landline phone without a 2.5mm headset jack) is the M12. It is \$130.00.

BTE users have other options for binaural listening as well. The Freedom single and dual devices and the Director headsets work well for BTE aids with telecoils. Call for more info.

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