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To whom it may concern:

Re: Peters Payton Taylor
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Payton is a 2.2 year old girl who presents with a severe sensorineural hearing loss in the right ear and a severe-profound sensorineural hearing loss in the left ear. She has been fitted with trial hearing aids bilaterally in March 2014. Severe-profound hearing losses can be managed by means of hearing aids and/ or cochlear implants. Hence, Payton would require intensive monitoring of her hearing status and ability to hear with hearing aids so that a decision can be made whether she will need cochlear implants as well.

I have listed below a summary of the approximate cost (prices are subject to change):

- Hearing aids on trial
The present hearing aids are R10 000 per hearing aid. However, as we progress with tests and decide to try even more sophisticated hearing aids, the price may increase to R12 000-R29 500 per hearing aid.
- Audiological tests and consults R180, 00 - R1 000, 00 per consult
- Moulds R500, 00 - R660, 00 per mould
- Auditory Brainstem Response with anaesthetic fee R9 000, 00
- Cochlear Implant Estimation
- Hospitalization R75 000, 00
- Cochlear Implant sound processor each R206 000, 00
- Surgeon fees (surgeon dependant) R40 000, 00
- Anaesthetic fees(anaesthetists dependant) R10 000, 00
- Please find audiologists costs attached for cochlear implants

Early identification and early intervention for hearing loss is important. Hearing is critical for the development of speech, language, communication skills, and learning. The earlier that hearing loss occurs in a child's life, the more serious is the effect on the child's development. Similarly, the earlier the hearing loss is identified and intervention begun, the more likely it is that the delays in speech and language development will be diminished. Recent research indicates that children identified with hearing loss who begin services before 6 months old develop language (spoken or signed) on a par with their hearing peers.

An undiagnosed or untreated hearing loss can delay language development. In order to listen, babies and young children need to receive clear, complete and consistent access to sound during these first months and years of life. For children with hearing loss, this is done through hearing technology.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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