**Manual 22 – Results Letter Templates**

**Otoscopy Results**

*(Normal results)* Examination of your [right/left] ear showed a normal visible eardrum.

*(Excessive cerumen)* Examination of your ears revealed that cerumen (or wax) in your [right/left] ear was excessive but did not completely block your ear canal. Please follow up with your healthcare provider.

*(Impacted cerumen)* Examination of your ears revealed impacted cerumen (or wax) blocking your [right/left] ear, completely blocking the ear canal. Please follow up with your healthcare provider.

**Audiometry Results**

**Better Ear Pure Tone Average (also known as Hearing Number):** [PTA Better Ear]

Hearing loss criteria are based on the pure-tone average (PTA) of 500, 1000, 2000, and 4000 Hz of the better ear. Normal hearing is defined as a PTA of ≤ 25 dB HL. Mild hearing loss is defined as a PTA between 26-40 dB HL. Moderate hearing loss is defined as a PTA between 41-70 dB HL. Severe hearing loss is defined as a PTA ≥ 71 dB HL.

**Hearing Evaluation:**

*(Normal results)* Your recent hearing evaluation results were consistent with normal hearing levels.

*(Mild, Moderate, or Severe Hearing Loss*) **Your recent hearing evaluation shows that you have [**Mild/Moderate/Severe**] hearing loss.** Hearing loss is common and may impact communication. Today’s results are not diagnostic. Please share these results with your physician or audiologist.

Learn more about your Hearing Number: <https://www.hearingnumber.org>