## NOMS Patient-Reported Outcome (PRO) Form Hearing Handicap Inventory for the Elderly (HHIE)

HHIE Instructions: The purpose of this scale is to identify the problems your hearing loss may be causing you. Answer "Yes", "Sometimes", or "No" for each question. Do not skip a question if you avoid a situation because of your hearing problem. **\*If you use a hearing aid, please answer the way you hear WITH the aid.** 

Source: Ventry, I. M., & Weinstein, B. E. (1982). The hearing handicap inventory for the elderly: A new tool. *Ear and Hearing*, *3*(3), 128-134.

|      |  | Yes | Sometimes | No  |
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|      |  | (4) | (2)       | (0) |
| S-1  | Does a hearing problem cause you to use the phone less often than you would like?                          |     |           |     |
| E-2  | Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when meeting new people?                              |     |           |     |
| S-3  | Does a hearing problem cause you to avoid groups of people?  |     |           |     |
| E-4  | Does a hearing problem make you irritable?   |     |           |     |
| E-5  | Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated when talking to members of your family?                |     |           |     |
| S-6  | Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when attending a party?  |     |           |     |
| E-7  | Does a hearing problem cause you to feel "stupid" or "dumb"?   |     |           |     |
| S-8  | Do you have difficulty hearing when someone speaks in a whisper?   |     |           |     |
| E-9  | Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?  |     |           |     |
| S-10 | Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?                |     |           |     |
| S-11 | Does a hearing problem cause you to attend religious services less often than you would like?              |     |           |     |
| E-12 | Does a hearing problem cause you to be nervous?  |     |           |     |
| S-13 | Does a hearing problem cause you to visit friends, relatives, or neighbors less often than you would like? |     |           |     |
| E-14 | Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family member?                                     |     |           |     |
| S-15 | Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?                                 |     |           |     |
| S-16 | Does a hearing problem cause you to go shopping less often than you would like?                            |     |           |     |
| E-17 | Does any problem or difficulty with your hearing upset you at all?   |     |           |     |
| E-18 | Does a hearing problem cause you to want to be by yourself?  |     |           |     |
| S-19 | Does a hearing problem cause you to talk to family members less often than you would like?                 |     |           |     |
| E-20 | Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?          |     |           |     |
| S-21 | Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends?                |     |           |     |
| E-22 | Does a hearing problem cause you to feel depressed?  |     |           |     |
| S-23 | Does a hearing problem cause you to listen to TV or radio less often than you would like?                  |     |           |     |
| E-24 | Does a hearing problem cause you to feel uncomfortable when talking to friends?                            |     |           |     |
| E-25 | Does a hearing problem cause you to feel left out when you are with a group of people?                     |     |           |     |
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Subtotal Emotional: \_\_\_\_\_ Subtotal Social: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_