
CHAPTER 15: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Audiology Services

Audiology services are defined as diagnostic, preventive, or corrective services for individuals with speech, hearing, and/or language disorders provided by or under the direction of an audiologist. Generally, a referral must be made by a licensed physician for these services.

Reimbursement

Audiologists are reimbursed under the same methodology used to reimburse physician providers. Audiologists are reimbursed for the *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) codes approved for the reimbursement of audiology services to physicians and in accordance with the current regulations of the Professional Services Program.

Restrictions

Beneficiaries must have a written authorization from their primary care physician for the audiologist's services. This includes beneficiaries referred to the audiologist by the Head Start Program.

Audiologist Employed by Hospitals

Audiologists who are salaried employees of hospitals cannot bill Medicaid for professional services rendered at that hospital, as their services are included in the hospital's per diem rate. Audiologists can enroll and bill Medicaid if they are providing services at a hospital at which there is no audiologist on staff.

Frequency

Payment for certain audiology codes is restricted to one code per beneficiary per 180 days (See Appendix C for a list of these codes).