

SPECIAL OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGIC SERVICES

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

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II. DESCRIPTION

Otolaryngology is that branch of medicine concerned with the screening, diagnosis and management of medical and surgical disorders of the ear, the upper respiratory and upper alimentary systems and related structures and the head and neck.

Audiology is the discipline involved in the prevention, identification and the evaluation of hearing disorders, the selection and evaluation of hearing aids, and the re-habilitation of individuals with hearing impairment. Audiological services, including function tests, performed to provide medical diagnosis and treatment of the auditory system.

III. POLICY

A. Otorhinolaryngology services, including audiological services are covered for the diagnosis and treatment of a covered medical condition.

B. Prior to September 1, 2005, hearing aid services and supplies may be cost-shared only for eligible beneficiaries through the Program for Persons with Disabilities (PPPWD) on the basis of a hearing disability or of multiple disabilities, one of which involves a hearing disability.

C. On or after September 1, 2005, hearing aid services and supplies may be cost-shared only for Active Duty Family Members (ADFM) with a profound hearing loss through the TRICARE Basic Program. See Chapter 7, Section 8.2.

D. Diagnostic analysis of cochlear implant with programming is covered for patients under seven years of age (CPT¹ procedure codes 92601, 92602), and age seven years or older with programming (CPT¹ procedure codes 92603, 92604). See Chapter 4, Section 22.2.

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CHAPTER 7, SECTION 8.1

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E. Evaluation for prescription of non-speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, including programming and modification, may be cost-shared only for eligible beneficiaries through the **Extended Care Health Option (ECHO)** on the basis of a speech disability or of multiple disabilities, one of which involves a speech disability (CPT² procedure codes 92605 - 92609).

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