

## SPECIAL OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGIC SERVICES

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

92502 - 92512, 92516, 92520, 92526, 92551 - 92597, 92601 - 92617, 92626, 92627, 92630, 92633, 92700

### 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. For services prior to September 1, 2005, hearing aid services and supplies may be cost-shared only for active duty beneficiaries through the basic program.

C. For services 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 (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 92601, 92602), and age seven years or older with programming (CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 92603, 92604). See [Chapter 4, Section 22.2](#).

E. Evaluation for prescription of non-speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, including programming and modification, may be cost-shared only

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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 (CPT<sup>2</sup> procedure codes 92605 - 92609).

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