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MEDICAID BULLETIN

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**TO: Physicians
 Audiologists**

SUBJECT: Coverage for Cochlear Implant Procedure Codes for Audiologists

South Carolina Medicaid currently reimburses Physicians who supervise Audiologists under the Physician Services Program for cochlear implant codes. South Carolina Medicaid is amending its current policy under the Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiology Services provider manual to allow Audiologists to provide services for diagnostic evaluation of cochlear implants without the supervision of a Physician. All referrals from a Physician must be documented and maintained in the beneficiary's medical records.

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2008, Audiologists will be reimbursed for the following procedure codes for the diagnostic evaluation of cochlear implants:

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Modifier	Modifier Description	Unit of Services	Frequency	Reimbursement Rate
92601	Diagnostic analysis of cochlear implant, patient younger than seven (7); with programming			One procedure	No limit	\$112.77
92602	Subsequent reprogramming (Do not report 92602 in addition to 92601)			One procedure	No limit	\$77.23
92603	Diagnostic analysis of cochlear implant, age seven (7) years or older; with programming			One procedure	No limit	\$70.81
92604	Subsequent reprogramming (Do not report 92603 in addition to 92604)			One procedure	No limit	\$45.76

Your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program is appreciated. Please contact your Program Coordinator with any questions at (803) 898-2655.

/s/

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