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MEDICAID BULLETIN

TO: Audiologists, Local Education Agencies, BabyNet Providers

SUBJECT: Audiology Services Policy Updates

Effective for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will update certain State Plan audiology services rendered by audiologists; local education agencies (LEA); and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C, commonly referred to as BabyNet, providers. These changes are needed to comply with the 2026 American Medical Association (AMA), Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)¹ code updates received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in December 2025.

These policy updates will be published in the <u>Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services</u> <u>provider manual</u> and <u>Local Education Agencies Services provider manual</u> by Jan. 1, 2026.

Criteria, limitations and reimbursement rates for these CPT codes are included below.

2026 CPT Code Updates

SCDHHS will update procedure codes and add coverage for the audiology services listed in the table below. These code changes are applicable for services rendered to:

- Full benefit Healthy Connections Medicaid members up to 21 years of age;
- Healthy Connections Medicaid members aged 21 years and older who are enrolled in the Head and Spinal Cord Injury, and Intellectual Disability and Related Disabilities waiver programs; and
- Members enrolled in the BabyNet program

| Code | Description | Criteria and Limitations | Rate | |
|-------|-----------------------|---|---------|--|
| 92631 | Hearing aid selection | Allowed one 92631 per 12 months per patient. | | |
| | services for one or | Not allowed on the same day as 92636, 92637 | \$39.24 | |
| | both ears, first 30 | per same patient. Not allowed on the same day | Ş39.Z4 | |
| | minutes | as 92622, 92623, 92626, 92627 per same ear. | | |

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| 92632 | Hearing aid selection services for one or both ears, each additional 15 minutes | Allowed one 92632 per 12 months per patient. Must be billed in conjunction with 92631. Not allowed on the same day as 92636, 92637 per same patient. Not allowed on the same day as 92622, 92623, 92626, 92627 per same ear. | \$9.81 |
|-------|---|--|---------|
| 92634 | Hearing aid fitting services for one or both ears, first 60 minutes | hearing aids. Includes orientation, programming | |
| 92635 | Hearing aid fitting services for one or both ears, each additional 15 minutes | | |
| 92636 | Hearing aid post- fitting follow-up services for one or both ears, first 30 minutes | months per patient. Not allowed on the same or day as 92631, 92632, 92634, 92635 per same | |
| 92637 | Hearing aid post- fitting follow-up services for one or both ears, each additional 15 minutes | Allowed one per day and up to four 92637 per 12 months per patient. Must be billed in conjunction with 92636. Not allowed on the same day as 92631, 92632, 92634, 92635 per same patient. | \$10.56 |
| 92638 | Behavioral verification of amplification including aided thresholds, functional gain, speech in noise, when performed | terification of mplification mplification mcluding aided hresholds, unctional gain, peech in noise, | |
| 92639 | Hearing-aid measurement, verification with probe microphone | Allowed one 92639 per day and up to two per 12 months per patient. Must be used in conjunction with 92634 or 92636. This service reflects | \$65 |

| | | bilateral measurement. May be billed with | Modifier |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | | modifier 52 for unilateral measurement. | 52- |
| | | | \$32.50 |
| 92641 | Hearing device verification through | Allowed one 92641 per 12 months per patient. Not allowed on the same day as 92628, 92629, | \$10.50 |
| | electroacoustic analysis | 92631, 92632, 92636, 92637, per same patient. This service reflects bilateral analysis. May be billed with modifier 52 for unilateral analysis. | Modifier 52- \$5.25 |
| V5014 | Repair/modification of hearing aid | Allowed one V5014 per day and up to three per 12 months per patient for unilateral hearing aid. Allowed two V5014 per day and up to six per 12 months per patient for bilateral hearing aids. Not allowed on the same day as 92631, 92632, 92634, 92635, 92636, 92637, per same patient | \$16.66 |

Additional Coverage Updates

SCDHHS will also add coverage for the following State Plan audiology services when rendered to full-benefit Healthy Connections Medicaid members:

| Code | Description | Criteria and Limitations | Rate |
|-------|---------------------------------|---|---------|
| 92622 | Analysis, programming and | Allowed one per day and up to four 92622 | |
| | verification of sound processor | per patient within 12 months of initial | \$52.77 |
| | for bone-anchored inner ear | fitting and up to two 92622 per 12 months | \$52.77 |
| | implant, first hour | per patient thereafter. | |
| 92623 | Analysis, programming and | Allowed one per day and up to four 92623 | |
| | verification of sound processor | per patient within 12 months of initial | |
| | for bone-anchored inner ear | fitting and up to two 92623 per 12 months | \$13.60 |
| | implant, each additional 15 | per patient thereafter. | |
| | minutes | | |

South Carolina's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) are responsible for the authorizations, coverage and reimbursement related to the services described in this bulletin for members enrolled in an MCO.

Providers should direct questions related to this bulletin to the Provider Service Center (PSC). PSC representatives can be reached at (888) 289-0709 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Providers can also submit an online inquiry at https://www.scdhhs.gov/providers/contact-provider-representative.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

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