

Audiology Specialty Training

Health First Colorado
(Colorado's Medicaid Program)

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Introduction

- Audiology refers to providers who render audiology care and supply equipment and appliances for audiology-related services.
- Such providers may be Health First Colorado-enrolled physicians (otolaryngology specialty), physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, or approved provider of individualized family service plan (IFSP) for Early Intervention Audiology Service.

Covered Services

- Hearing benefits are limited to the minimum services required to meet the member's medical needs.
- Hearing aids are a covered benefit for members ages 20 and under and for adult members on the Supported Living Services (SLS) Waiver.
 - Members in a nursing facility can apply for a Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (PETI) to allow hearing aids to be a covered benefit.

Prior Authorizations

- Prior authorizations **are not** required for *most* audiology services.
- Prior authorizations **are** required for:
 - Softbands
 - Cochlear implants, repairs and supplies
 - Hearing aids, batteries and supplies

See the Audiology Billing Manual and the [main fee schedule](#) for more information.

Billing

- Submit claims using the professional (CMS 1500) claim.
- Audiology supply claims cannot be submitted as Durable Medical Equipment (DME)/supply.
- Newborn screening billing:
 - Reimbursement for newborn hearing screening is included in the hospital delivery payment. Audiology claims should not be billed for the date span of the delivery stay.
 - Audiology claims for newborn initial hearing screenings should not be billed separately on a professional (CMS 1500) claim.
 - Separate follow-up testing for a newborn that has failed initial screening is reimbursable to the audiology practitioner.

Resources

Provider Contacts Web Page

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/provider-help>

- Provider Services Call Center

Training Web Page

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/provider-training>

Billing Manuals Web Page

<https://hcpf.Colorado.gov/Billing-Manuals>

- [Audiology Billing Manual](#)
- Appendix R (for a detailed list of Explanation of Benefits (EOB) codes)
- General Provider Billing Manual

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Main Fee Schedule

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/provider-rates-fee-schedule>

Quick Guides web page

<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/interchange-resources>

- [Copy, Adjust, or Void a Claim - Provider Web Portal Quick Guide](#)
- [Reading the Remittance Advice \(RA\) - Provider Web Portal Quick Guides](#)

Thank you!