

Provider Update



Hearing tests done by hearing instrument specialists

Background: Effective with dates of service on or after May 15, 2017, the below-listed audiology hearing tests can be performed by hearing instrument specialists (also known as hearing aid dealers) as long as they are licensed as a hearing instrument fitter and dispenser within the state of Kansas. The hearing instrument specialist must be an enrolled Medicaid provider to perform and bill the following codes:

CPT code	Description	Medicaid rate
92552	Pure-tone audiometry (PTA) threshold; air only	15.28
92553	PTA threshold; air and bone	20.97
92555	Speech audiometry threshold	11.94
92556	Speech audiometry threshold with speech recognition	16.23
92557	Comprehensive audiometry threshold evaluation and speech recognition (92553 and 92556 combined)	39.77

Hearing tests are still considered a content of service in the fitting and dispensing of a hearing aid.

What is the impact of this change?

Hearing aid instrument specialists (provider type/provider specialty 22/220) may bill for hearing tests on or after May 15, 2017. Providers must be licensed to perform these specific services.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received it in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.