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December 2019

**TO:** Hearing Instrument Specialists Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [Signature of Daniel Tsai]

**RE:** *Hearing Instrument Specialist Manual* (2019 HCPCS Code Revisions)

This letter transmits revisions to the service codes in Subchapter 6 of the *Hearing Instrument Specialist Manual*. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for 2019. Changes to Subchapter 6 resulting from these updates are summarized below. The revised Subchapter 6 is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019.

If you wish to obtain a fee schedule, you may download the Executive Office of Health and Human Services regulations at no cost at [www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/eohhs-regulations). The regulation title for hearing services is 101 CMR 323.00: Hearing Services.

**2019 HCPCS Code Updates to Subchapter 6**

| **Added Code** | **Code Description (if applicable)** |
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| V5171 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing device, monaural, in the ear (ITE) (I.C.) |
| V5172 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing device, monaural, in the canal (ITC) (I.C.) |
| V5181 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing device, monaural, behind the ear (BTE) (I.C.) |
| V5211 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITE/ITE (I.C.) |
| V5212 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITE/ITC (I.C.) |
| V5213 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITE/BTE (I.C.) |
| V5214 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITC/ITC (I.C.) |
| V5215 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITC/BTE (I.C.) |
| V5221 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, BTE/BTE (I.C.) |

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| **Deleted Code** | **Code Description** |
| V5170 | Hearing aid, CROS, in the ear |
| V5180 | Hearing aid, CROS, behind the ear |
| V5210 | Hearing aid, BICROS, in the ear |
| V5220 | Hearing aid, BICROS, behind the ear |

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| **Revised Code** | **Code Description** |
| V5190 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing, monaural, glasses |
| V5200 | Dispensing fee, contralateral, monaural |
| V5230 | Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, glasses |
| V5240 | Dispensing fee, contralateral routing system, binaural |

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NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

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OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

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601 Introduction

MassHealth pays for the services represented by the codes listed in Subchapter 6 in effect at the time of service, subject to all conditions and limitations in MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 416.000 and 550.000. A hearing instrument specialist may request prior authorization for any medically necessary service reimbursable under the federal Medicaid Act in accordance with 130 CMR 450.144, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a), and 42 U.S.C. 1396d(r)(5) for a MassHealth Standard or CommonHealth member younger than 21 years of age, even if it is not designated as covered or payable in Subchapter 6 of the *Hearing Instrument Specialist Manual*.

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Service

Code Service Description

# HEARING TESTING SERVICES

92551 Screening test, pure tone, air only

92552 Pure tone audiometry (threshold); air only (S.P. 92553);

92553 air and bone

92555 Speech audiometry threshold (S.P. 92556)

92556 with speech recognition

92557 Comprehensive audiometry threshold evaluation and speech recognition (92553 and 92556 combined)

92590 Hearing aid examination and selection; monaural

92591 binaural

# INSTRUMENT TESTING

92592 Hearing aid check; monaural (Use for listening check and in-office minor repairs)

92593 Hearing aid check; Binaural (Use for listening check and in-office minor repairs

92594 Electroacoustic evaluation for hearing aid; monaural (real ear measurement (REM) objective test of

hearing instrument performance in the patient's ear as compared to a target response and electroacoustical assessment of the performance evaluation of the hearing instrument as compared to its original factory specifications)

92595 Binaural

# OFFICE VISITS FOR EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

99499 Unlisted evaluation and management service (up to a maximum of six services per member per date of service)

**HEARING AID SERVICES**

**Refitting Services/Other Professional Services**

V5011 Fitting/orientation/checking of hearing aid (Use for programming)

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**Hearing Aid Purchases-Monaural (Must use with modifier LT or RT.)**

Prior authorization (P.A.) is required where the adjusted acquisition cost (A.A.C.), not including shipping charges, exceeds $500.00. One of the modifiers **LT** (left side) or **RT** (right side) must be used with these service codes.

V5030 Hearing aid, monaural, body worn, air conduction (I.C.) V5040 Hearing aid, monaural, body worn, bone conduction (I.C.) V5050 Hearing aid, monaural, in the ear (I.C.)

V5060 Hearing aid, monaural, behind the ear (I.C.)

V5243 Hearing aid, analog, monaural, ITC (in the canal) (I.C.)

V5245 Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, monaural, ITC (in the canal) (I.C.) V5246 Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, monaural, ITE (in the ear) (I.C.) V5247 Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, monaural, BTE (behind the ear) (I.C.) V5255 Hearing aid, digital, monaural, ITC (I.C.)

V5256 Hearing aid, digital, monaural, ITE (I.C.) V5257 Hearing aid, digital, monaural, BTE (I.C.)

**Hearing Aid Purchases-Binaural**

Prior authorization (P.A.) is required where the A.A.C., not including shipping charges, exceeds

$1,000.00.

V5130 Binaural, in the ear (I.C.) V5140 Binaural, behind the ear (I.C.) V5150 Binaural, glasses (I.C.)

V5249 Hearing aid, analog, binaural, ITC (I.C.)

V5251 Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, binaural, ITC (I.C.) V5252 Hearing aid, digitally programmable, binaural, ITE (I.C.) V5253 Hearing aid, digitally programmable, binaural, BTE (I.C.) V5259 Hearing aid, digital, binaural, ITC (I.C.)

V5260 Hearing aid, digital, binaural, ITE (I.C.) V5261 Hearing aid, digital, binaural, BTE (I.C.)

**Hearing Aid Purchases-CROS and BICROS**

Prior authorization (P.A.) is required where the A.A.C., not including shipping charges, exceeds

$1,000.00.

V5171 Hearing aid, contralateral routing device, monaural, in the ear (ITE) (I.C.)

V5172 Hearing aid, contralateral routing device, monaural, in the canal (ITE) (I.C.)

V5181 Hearing aid, contralateral routing device, monaural, behind the ear (BTE) (I.C.)

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V5190 Hearing aid, contralateral routing, monaural,, glasses (I.C.)

V5211 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITE/ITE (I.C.)

V5212 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITE/ITC (I.C.)

V5213 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITE/BTE (I.C.)

V5214 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITC/ITC (I.C.)

V5215 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, ITC/BTE (I.C.)

V5221 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, BTE/BTE (I.C.)

V5230 Hearing aid, contralateral routing system, binaural, glasses (I.C.)

**Hearing Aid Purchases-Other**

Except where otherwise indicated, prior authorization (P.A.) is required where the A.A.C., not including shipping charges, exceeds $1,000.00.

V5070 Glasses, air conduction (I.C.) V5080 Glasses, bone conduction (I.C.)

V5100 Hearing aid, bilateral, body worn (I.C.)

V5274 Assistive listening device, not otherwise specified (I.C.) (P.A. if A.A.C. exceeds $500.00, not including shipping charges) (Use this code only for pocket talkers or similar single-unit amplifiers.)

V5298 Hearing aid, not otherwise classified (P.A. always required) (I.C.)

**Hearing Aid Repairs, Accessories, and Related Services**

V5014 Repair/modification of a hearing aid (I.C.) V5264 Ear mold/insert, not disposable, any type (I.C.) V5265 Ear mold/insert, disposable, any type (I.C.) V5266 Battery for use in hearing device (per battery)

V5267 Hearing aid supplies/accessories (I.C.) (P.A. is required where the A.A.C. exceeds $300.00.) V5275 Ear impression, each

V5299 Hearing service, miscellaneous (P.A.) (I.C.)

**Cochlear Implant Batteries**

L8621 Zinc air battery for use with cochlear implant device and auditory osseointegrated sound processors, replacement, each (I.C.)

L8622 Alkaline battery for use with cochlear implant device, any size, replacement, each (I.C.)

L8623 Lithium ion battery for use with cochlear implant device speech processor, other than ear level, replacement, each (I.C.)

L8624 Lithium ion battery for use with cochlear implant or auditory osseointegrated device speech processor, ear level, replacement, each (I.C.)

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**Hearing Aid Dispensing Fees**

V5160 Dispensing fee, binaural

V5200 Dispensing fee, contralateral, monaural

V5240 Dispensing fee, contralateral routing system, binaural

V5241 Dispensing fee, monaural hearing aid, any type (Must use with modifier **LT** or **RT**.)

For more information on the use of these modifiers, see Appendix V of your provider manual.

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