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TO: Speech and Hearing Centers Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director *BW*
RE: *Speech and Hearing Center Manual* (Changes to Service Codes and Descriptions)

This letter transmits revisions to the service codes and descriptions listed in Subchapter 6 of the *Speech and Hearing Center Manual*. These revisions are effective for dates of service on or after **February 1, 2005**.

If you want to obtain a fee schedule, you may purchase Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regulations from either the Massachusetts State Bookstore or directly from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (see addresses and telephone numbers below). You must contact them first to find out the price of the regulation. The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy also has the regulations available on disk and on their Web site. The regulation title for speech and hearing center services is 114.3 CMR 39.00: Rehabilitation Clinics, Audiological and Restorative Services.

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Changes to Service Codes and Descriptions: Central Auditory Function Test(s)

Service Code **92589** has been deleted from the CPT 2005 code book. Effective for dates of service on or after **February 1, 2005**, providers must bill using the following replacement service codes. Please note the different billing units for these service codes.

- 92620 Evaluation of central auditory function, with report; initial 60 minutes
- 92621 Evaluation of central auditory function, with report; each additional 15 minutes

NEW MATERIAL

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

Speech and Hearing Center Manual

Pages 6-1 and 6-2

OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

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Note:

- (A) I.C. indicates that the claim will receive individual consideration to determine payment. See 130 CMR 413.407 for I.C. requirements.
- (B) Some service codes require prior authorization (P.A.). See 130 CMR 413.408 for prior authorization requirements.

Service

Code Modifier Service Description

Audiological Services

92552		Pure tone audiometry (threshold); air only
92553		air and bone (S.P. to 92552)
92555		Speech audiometry threshold
92556		with speech recognition
92557		Comprehensive audiometry threshold evaluation and speech recognition (92553 and 92556 combined)
92562		Loudness balance test, alternate binaural or monaural (S.P. to 92563 through 92565)
92563		Tone decay test (S.P. to 92562, 92564, and 92565)
92564		Short increment sensitivity index (SISI) (S.P. to 92562, 92563, and 92565)
92565		Stenger test, pure tone (S.P. to 92562 through 92564)
92567		Tympanometry (impedance testing)
92568		Acoustic reflex testing (S.P. to 92569)
92569		Acoustic reflex decay test (S.P. to 92568)
92572		Staggered spondaic word test (S.P. to 92576 and 92577)
92576		Synthetic sentence identification test (S.P. to 92571 and 92577)
92577		Stenger test, speech (S.P. to 92571 and 92576)
92582		Conditioning play audiometry
92583		Select picture audiometry (I.C.)
92584		Electrocochleography (I.C.)
92585		Auditory evoked potentials for evoked response audiometry and/or testing of the central nervous system; comprehensive
92586		limited
92587		Evoked otoacoustic emissions; limited (single stimulus level, either transient or distortion products)
92588		comprehensive or diagnostic evaluation (comparison of transient and/or distortion product otoacoustic emissions at multiple levels and frequencies)
92590		Hearing aid examination and selection; monaural
92591		binaural
92592		Hearing aid check, monaural (Listening check of the instrument plus sound field testing of the instrument on the patient. May or may not be performed together with a diagnostic evaluation.)
92593		binaural

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Service

Code Modifier Service Description

92594		Electroacoustical 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
92596		Ear protector attenuation measurements
92620		Evaluation of central auditory function, with report; initial 60 minutes
92621		Evaluation of central auditory function, with report, each additional 15 minutes (up to the maximum of eight units billed)

Other Procedures

92700		Unlisted otorhinolaryngological service or procedure (I.C.)
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Speech and Language Services

92506		Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, auditory processing, and/or aural rehabilitation status (per hour, maximum of three hours)
92506	HA	Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, auditory processing, and/or aural rehabilitation status, child/adolescent program (for children (age of 12 and younger); per hour, maximum of four hours)
92507		Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); individual (15 minutes, maximum four units per visit)
92508		group, two or more individuals (but less than seven individuals) (each member) (15 minutes per unit, maximum four units per visit)

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