



Billing for Deluxe Hearing Aids

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COMMERCIAL	BLUE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE	ACA QHP¹	SMALL GROUP ACA	JAA²	FEP³	DENTAL

¹ ACA QHP: Affordable Care Act Qualified Health Plan for Individual/Family ² JAA: Joint Administrative Account ³ FEP: Federal Employee Program

Disclaimer

Blue KC has developed Provider Payment Policies to provide guidance on payment methodologies as they pertain to submitted claims. These policies are written following industry standard recommendations from sources such as:

- Current Procedural Terminology
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
- American Medical Association
- National Correct Coding Initiative
- Other professional organizations and societies

Coverage of any service is determined by date of service, a member's eligibility and benefit limits for the service or services rendered, all terms of the Provider Service Agreement, and other standards of coding rules and guidelines.

Final payment is subject to the application of claims adjudication and edits common to the industry.

For confirmation of which services may be eligible for coverage and description of when medical services are considered medically necessary, not medically necessary, or investigational, please contact:

- Blue KC Provider Hotline for Commercial lines of Business 816-395-3929
- Affordable Care Act Provider Hotline 866-859-3822
- Blue Medicare Advantage Provider Hotline 866-508-7140

In the event of a conflict between any policies, the Member's coverage document will govern.

Description/Application

Hearing aids are electronic devices designed to amplify sound for individuals with hearing loss. They work by converting sound waves into electrical signals, which are then amplified and delivered to the user's ear. Hearing aids come in various

styles to suit different needs and preferences.

Policy

This policy applies only to those member with hearing aid benefits.

Blue KC will reimburse providers for medically necessary hearing aids. If a member is requesting a deluxe hearing aid that exceeds the cost of the device offered by Blue KC, please submit your services as follows:

- Claim Line #1: Blue KC Covered Hearing Aid
 - Submit the appropriate HCPCS code and standard charge for the least expensive device that meets the member's medical needs and is considered medically necessary
 - Blue KC will process this claim by leveraging member benefits and applying HCPCS allowable amount per provider contract for medically necessary hearing aid
 - Provider cannot bill member for any amounts not paid unless specifically indicated on the remittance as member liability for this line item (aka: Member Cost Sharing)

- Claim Line #2: Incremental Charge for Deluxe Hearing Aid
 - Submit code S1001 with the balance between the base model considered medically necessary and the deluxe model on the second line of the claim
 - This is in addition to the code for basic item referenced in Claim Line #
 - S1001 is the HCPCS code for a "deluxe item" the patient is aware of
 - S1001 will deny as member liability and provider can bill the member

- Supporting Documentation
 - Prior to providing service, the member must sign a waiver indicating the member is aware that the deluxe model is not covered by their insurance and that they will be liable for the difference in cost between the deluxe and standard charges
 - The balance amount billed S1001 (Claim Line #2 above) should be equal to the amount noted on the member waiver acknowledging they are responsible for amount not covered by Blue KC for the deluxe hearing aid.

- Deluxe Hearing Aid Claim Example
 - Deluxe item total charge \$1000
 - Claim Line 1: V code - \$300
 - Charge for base model that meets member's needs
 - Member's benefits will be applied to provider contractual allowable
 - Reimbursement will be based on the provider's contract (allowable amount)
 - Member cannot be billed for any amounts not paid unless specifically indicated on the remittance advice as member liability (i.e., member cost share)

 - Claim Line 2: S1001- \$700
 - Amount exceeding the base mode Claim Line 1 provider billed charge
 - S1001 will deny as member liability and amount can be billed to member

Failure to follow these instructions when submitting charges for deluxe hearing aids may cause a denial of charges or delay in payment.

Coding

This may not be an all-inclusive list

HCPCS Code	Description
V5030	Hearing aid, monaural, body worn, air conduction
V5040	Hearing aid, monaural, body worn, bone conduction
V5050	Hearing aid, monaural, in the ear
V5060	Hearing aid, monaural, behind the ear
V5070	Glasses, air conduction
V5100	Hearing aid, bilateral, body worn
V5120	Binaural, body
V5130	Binaural, in the ear
V5140	Binaural, behind the ear
V5150	Binaural, glasses
V5242	Hearing aid, analog, monaural, CIC (completely in ear canal)
V5243	Hearing aid, analog, monaural, ITC (in the canal)
V5244	Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, monaural, CIC
V5245	Hearing aid, digitally programmable, analog, monaural, ITC
V5246	Hearing aid, digitally programmable, analog, monaural, ITE (in the ear)
V5247	Hearing aid, digitally programmable, analog, monaural, BTE (behind the ear)
V5248	Hearing aid, analog, binaural, CIC
V5249	Hearing aid, analog, binaural, ITC
V5250	Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, binaural, CIC
V5251	Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, binaural, ITC
V5252	Hearing aid, digitally programmable, binaural, ITE
V5253	Hearing aid, digitally programmable, binaural, BTE
V5254	Hearing aid, digital, monaural, CIC
V5255	Hearing aid, digital, monaural, ITC
V5256	Hearing aid, digital, monaural, ITE
V5257	Hearing aid, digital, monaural, BTE
V5258	Hearing aid, digital, binaural, CIC
V5259	Hearing aid, digital, binaural, ITC
V5260	Hearing aid, digital, binaural, ITE
V5261	Hearing aid, digital, binaural, BTE
V5262	Hearing aid, disposable, any type, monaural
V5263	Hearing aid, disposable, any type, binaural

References and Resources

Blue KC Provide Reference Guide

Related Documents

N/A

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