

222 South College, 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62704**PROVIDER INFORMATIONAL NOTICE**

TO: Providers of Audiology Services

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**SUBJECT: NEW BILLING CODES AND RATES FOR USE BY PROVIDERS OF
AUDIOLOGY SERVICES**

Effective immediately, Child and Family Connections (CFC's) offices will be able to generate authorizations to enrolled Audiologists for audiological evaluation services for the types of testing identified below. Authorizations for audiological evaluations will only be generated for children who have failed a hearing screening or who have a suspected hearing loss. **Please note that EI does not pay for medical testing that requires anesthesia, sedation or medical monitoring. If these services are required, please refer the family back to the EI service coordinator to explain that EI does not pay for medical testing that requires anesthesia, sedation or medical monitoring prior to scheduling such testing.** The family may be referred to DSCC for assistance with services that require medical testing.

<u>HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Rate</u>
92551	Pure tone hearing test, air	\$15.20
92552	Pure tone audiometry, air	\$15.20
92553	Audiometry, air and bone	\$15.20
92555	Speech threshold audiometry	\$15.20
92556	Speech audiometry complete	\$15.20
92557	Comprehensive audiometry (includes 92553 and 92556)	\$37.40
92567	Tympanometry	\$15.20
92568	Acoustic reflex testing	\$13.70
92579	Visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA)	\$22.15
92582	Conditioning play audiometry	\$22.15
92583	Select picture audiometry	\$15.15

92585	Brainstem evoked response rec. (No anesthesia)	\$53.70
92587	Evoked otoacoustic emissions: limited (No anesthesia)	\$52.70
92588	Evoked otoacoustic emissions, Comprehensive diagnostic evaluation	\$61.00

The authorization for the above types of testing **will not** identify a procedure code. It will simply state "Audiological Evaluation". The Audiologist will choose the most appropriate test(s). The audiologist may bill more than one cpt code for a single authorization. However, all testing billed under a single authorization must be completed on the same date of service and must be billed on the same claim. Upon completion of the testing the Audiologist is required to submit an evaluation report in the Early Intervention required report format to the child's service coordinator. The report must include the test(s) conducted and the results of the test(s) including the range, nature and degree of hearing loss and communication functions and a percent of delay. **Based upon the range, nature and degree of hearing loss and communications function the audiologist may determine percent of delay using clinical judgement.** Thank you for your continued participation as a provider of services for the Early Intervention Services System.