

## OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGIC SERVICES

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### I. PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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### II. DESCRIPTION

Otorhinolaryngology is that branch of medicine concerned with medical and surgical treatment of the head and neck, including the ears, nose and throat.

### III. POLICY

Otorhinolaryngological services, including audiological services, are covered only when necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of a covered medical condition.

### IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Audiological services are not covered under the Basic Program unless they are related to the diagnosis or treatment of a medical or surgical condition. Examination to determine the need for hearing aids are not covered, except under the Program for Persons with Disabilities (formerly known as Program for the Handicapped). See [Section 17.4](#).

B. Audiological services to determine the extent of a hearing loss for qualifying for speech pathology services, as outlined in [Section 17.3](#), are also covered.

C. Computerized dynamic posturography (92548) is not a covered benefit (reference [Chapter 8, Section 14.1](#)).

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