

## Hearing Aids And Hearing Aid Services

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE RANGE

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### 2.0 HCPCS PROCEDURE CODES

V5000 - V5267, V5275, V5298

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Hearing aids and hearing aid services and supplies may be covered for those Active Duty Family Members (ADFM)s with a profound hearing loss as described below.

**3.1.1** Profound hearing loss (adult). An "adult" (a spouse as defined in [32 CFR 199.3\(b\)](#) of a member of the Uniformed Services on active duty for more than 30 days) with a hearing threshold of:

**3.1.1.1** 40 dB HL or greater in one or both ears when tested at 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 3,000, or 4,000Hz; or

**3.1.1.2** 26 dB HL or greater in one or both ears at any three or more of those frequencies; or

**3.1.1.3** A speech recognition score less than 94%.

**3.1.2** Profound hearing loss (child). A "child" (an unmarried child of an active duty member who otherwise meets the criteria (including age requirements) in [32 CFR 199.3](#) of this part) with a 26dB HL or greater hearing threshold level or one or both ears when tested in the frequency range at 500, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, or 4,000Hz.

**3.2** Medically necessary and appropriate services and supplies, including hearing examinations provided by authorized providers, required in connection with this hearing aid benefit are covered.

### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

**4.1** Hearing aid and hearing aid services for retirees and their family members.

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**4.2** Implantable hearing aid.

**Note:** Not to be confused with cochlear implants which are covered under TRICARE.

**5.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2005.

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