

# Beginning Billing Workshop Audiology

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(Colorado's Medicaid Program)  
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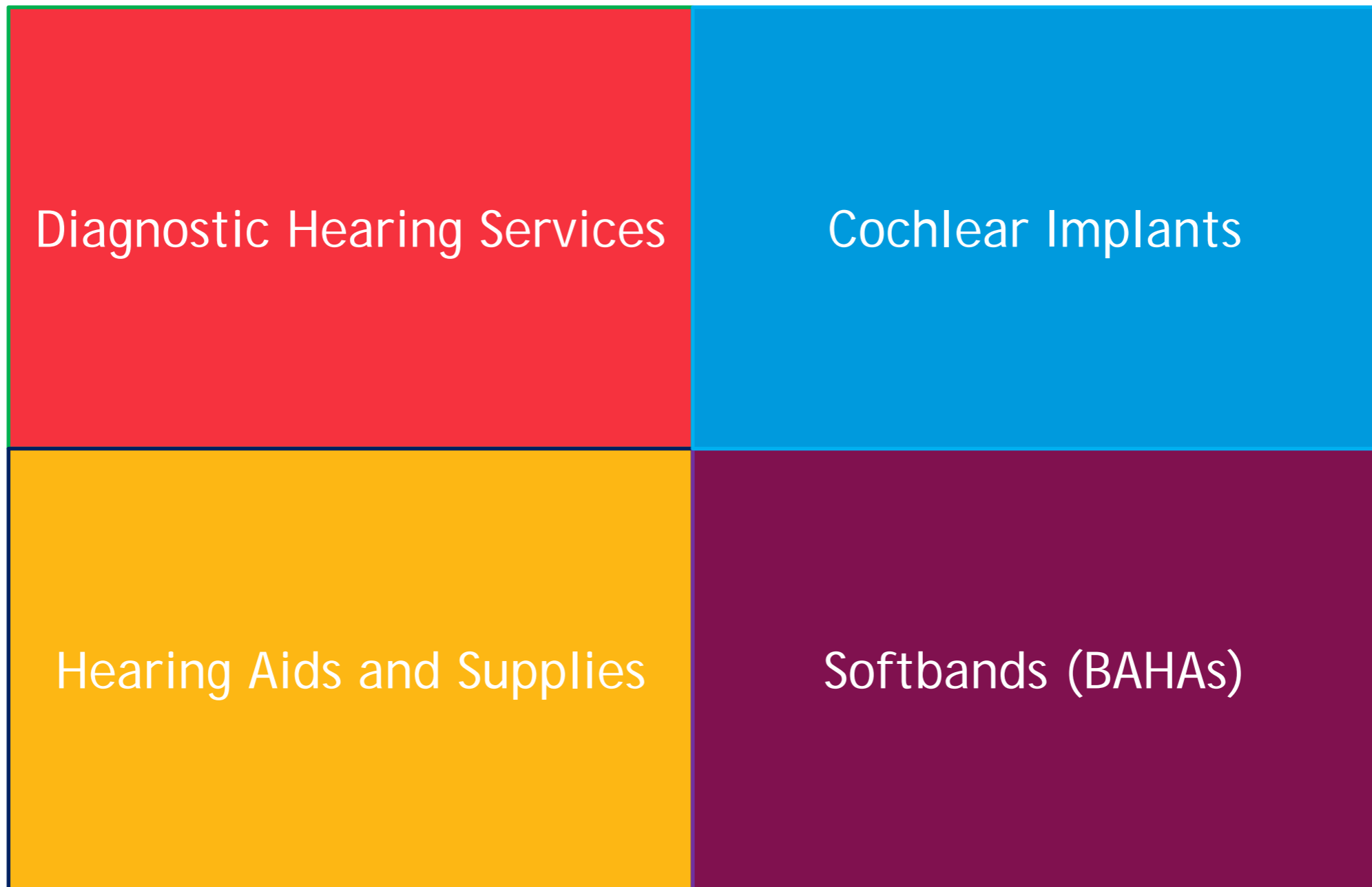


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# CMS 1500

What Audiology Services can be billed on the CMS 1500?



# Audiology Benefits

- Hearing benefits are limited to the minimum services required to meet the member's medical needs
  - See volume 8.280.06
- Hearing aids for children ages 20 and under, and for adult members on the Supported Living Services (SLS) Waiver
- Softband hearing aids (bone anchored hearing aids) for children ages 20 and under
- Speech therapy, hearing exams, diagnostic testing, surgeries and related hospitalizations are regular benefits
- Reimbursement for newborn hearing screens is included in the hospital delivery payment. This may not be billed separately on a CMS1500 claim form.
  - Separate follow-up testing for a newborn that has failed initial screening is reimbursable to the practitioner



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# Audiology Benefits

- Specific Non-Covered Benefits
- Training or consultation provided by an Audiologist to an agency, facility, or other institution is not covered.
- The upgrading of an existing cochlear implant system or component if the existing unit is properly functioning is not covered.
- Hearing aids for adults (Hearing exams and evaluations are a benefit for adults only when a concurrent medical condition exists) are not covered.
- Hearing aid insurance is not covered.
- Any service not documented in the member's plan of care is not covered.
- Ear molds for the purpose of noise reduction or swimming are not covered.
- Any audiological services rendered by a non-licensed audiologist (except for licensed otolaryngologists and enrolled CHIP providers) are not covered.
- For more detailed audiology services information, refer to:
- [www.Colorado.gov/hcpf/Billing-Manuals](http://www.Colorado.gov/hcpf/Billing-Manuals)
- Billing Manuals → CMS 1500 → Audiology



# Hearing Aids

- Trial Rental Period is included in the purchase reimbursement for the hearing aids(s)
  - Use the last day of the rental period as the date of service
- Hearing Aids may be replaced if:
  - Improperly fit
  - Have been lost or stolen
  - Are no longer medically appropriate for the child
- Hearing aids are expected to last three to five years
- Hearing aid batteries are a benefit
  - Only for members ages 20 and younger



# Benefit and Billing Information

For more detailed benefit and billing information, refer to:

<https://www.Colorado.gov/hcpf/Billing-Manuals>

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# **Provider Services Call Center**

**1-844-235-2387**

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**7 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday**

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m. MST Wednesday & Friday**

The Provider Services Call Center will be utilizing the time  
between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

on Wednesdays and Fridays to return calls to providers.



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**Thank you! Please feel free  
to ask us any questions you  
may have.**



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