

BAHA (bone-anchored hearing aid)

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult and pediatric (5 years old and older) members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We may retrospectively monitor compliance with authorization requirements.

Applicable procedure codes: *69714, *69715, *69717, *69718

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

Q Does the patient have BILATERAL SENSORINEURAL hearing loss? NOTE: If patient has unilateral sensorineural loss you MUST select no.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have CONDUCTIVE OR MIXED hearing loss? A. Unilateral B. Bilateral C. No D. N/A

A

Possible answers: A B C D



Q Does the patient have CONDUCTIVE OR MIXED hearing loss and congenital or surgically-induced malformations (for example, atresia) of the external ear canal or middle ear?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have CONDUCTIVE OR MIXED hearing loss and chronic external otitis or otitis media?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have CONDUCTIVE OR MIXED hearing loss and tumors of the external canal and/or tympanic cavity?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have CONDUCTIVE OR MIXED hearing loss and chronic dermatitis of the external canal prohibiting the use of an air conduction hearing aid?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q For SINGLE SIDED IMPLANTATION for CONDUCTIVE OR MIXED hearing loss, does the patient's pure tone average bone conduction threshold measured at 0.5, 1, 2, and 3 kHz show ONE of the following (A-D)? A. 45 dB and planned implant is OBC, BP100, Baha 4 or Baha 5 devices. B. 55 dB and planned implant is Intenso devices. C. 65 dB and planned implant is Cordele II, and Baha 5 SuperPower devices. D. 55 dB (Cochlear OSIA and Cochlear Osia II devices) AND the member is at least 12 years old.

A

Possible answers: A B C D No N/A



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Q For requests for BILATERAL IMPLANTATION, does the patient have symmetrically conductive or mixed hearing loss as defined by a difference between left and right-side bone conduction threshold of less than 10 dB on average measured at 0.5, 1, 2, and 3 kHz (4 kHz for OBC and Ponto Pro), or less than 15 dB at individual frequencies?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have SINGLE SIDED SENSORINEURAL deafness and normal hearing in the other ear with a pure tone average air conduction threshold of the normal ear better than 20 dB measured at 0.5, 1, 2, and 3 kHz AND ONE of the following? A. Patient is at least 5 years old and one of these devices is being implanted: Baha 4, Baha 5, Baha 5 SuperPower, Cordele II and OBC devices. B. Patient is at least 12 years old and either the Cochlear OSIA or Cochlear Osia II system is being implanted.

A

Possible answers: A B No N/A