Medi-Cal Hearing Aid Benefits & Hearing Aid Coverage for Children Program (HACCP)



Medi-Cal Hearing Aid Benefits Overview





» Members can get hearing aids and supplies through a Medi-Cal provider who bills DHCS directly for reimbursement.



Managed Care Plan (MCP)

» Members in a MCP will receive hearing aids and supplies through their MCP.



» For more information about Medi-Cal's hearing aid benefit, please visit the <u>DHCS</u> website.

Medi-Cal Hearing Aid Benefit Policy

DHCS sets
establishes coverage
and reimbursement
policy for MediCal's hearing aid
benefits, which are
detailed in the Medi-Cal
Provider Manual.

- » Hearing aid benefits include hearing aids, supplies, and accessories.
- » Hearing aidrelated audiology and post-evaluation services.

Annual Limit: Medi-Cal covers up to \$1,510 per member per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

Exceptions

- Medical Necessity: Additional costs may be covered if approved by DHCS (FFS) by submitting a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) or through an MCP's prior authorization process for managed care members.
- » Children under 21: There's no annual limit for children under age 21.

Provider Requirements

» Hearing aid providers must enroll with DHCS and, if part of a Medi-Cal MCP, must also be contracted with each individual MCP within their geographical service area.

HACCP

- » HACCP provides hearing aid coverage to children and youth ages 0-20 whose household income exceeds Medi-Cal eligibility but is below 600 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), be a resident of California, and whose other health insurance plans limit hearing aid coverage to \$1,500 or less per year.
- » HACCP-covered benefits, as detailed in the <u>HACCP</u> section of the Provider Manual, include:
 - Hearing aids, including assistive listening devices (ALD) and surface-worn bone conduction hearing devices (BCHD).
 - Supplies, including ear molds and hearing aid batteries.
 - Medically necessary hearing aid accessories.
 - Hearing aid-related audiology and post-evaluation services.
- » For more information, please visit the <u>HACCP website</u>.

Medi-Cal Hearing Aid Benefit and HACCP Resources

» Medi-Cal Hearing Aid Benefits:

- Medi-Cal Application (Note: CoveredCA and Medi-Cal use the same application)
- Provider Manual:
 - Coverage policy <u>Hearing Aids</u> (hear aid)
 - Reimbursement policy <u>Hearing</u>
 <u>Aids: Billing Codes and</u>
 <u>Reimbursement Rates (hear aid cd)</u>
- Hearing Aid FAQ

» HACCP:

- HACCP Application
- Provider Manual: <u>Hearing Aid</u> <u>Coverage for Children Program</u> (hear accp)
- HACCP FAQ
- HACCP website

Medi-Cal Dyadic Services

Medi-Cal Dyadic Services Overview

What are dyadic services

- » A comprehensive care model focused on children under age 21 and their parents/caregivers (together known as a "dyad").
- » Integrates physical and behavioral health screenings and services.
- » Improves access to preventative care and immunization rates.

» Medi-Cal covers dyadic services as of January 1, 2023

» Key Components

- Behavioral health visits
- Access to Community Supports services
- Psychoeducational services
- Family training and counseling for child development

» Eligibility

- Medi-Cal eligible children under age 21 and their parents/caregivers are eligible for dyadic behavioral health visits based on the Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics schedule, or when otherwise medically necessary.
- Non Medi-Cal eligible parents/caregivers are eligible if services directly benefit a Medi-Cal eligible child.

Medi-Cal Delivery Systems







Medi-Cal FFS

» Member should contact the treating health care provider.

Medi-Cal MCP

» Members should contact the treating health care provider and/or MCP » Medi-Cal members may contact their MCP: <u>Managed Care</u> <u>Health Plan Directory.</u>

Medi-Cal Dyadic Services Resources

- » DHCS website: <u>Dyadic Services as a Medi-Cal Benefit</u>
- » Medi-Cal <u>Provider Manual</u> (note: Dyadic services are currently part of the non-Specialty Mental Health section)
- » Medi-Cal MCP: All Plan Letter # 22-029
- » State Statute: Welfare & Institutions Code section 14132.755
- State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0010 (note: pending federal approval)