

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY

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Subject: Audiologic Rehabilitation

1 Whereas, the non-medical treatment of hearing loss in children and adults is within the scope
2 of practice of audiologists, and

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4 Whereas, the current entry-level requirement for the practice of Audiology is a Doctor of
5 Audiology degree which provides training in the full scope of practice of Audiology, and

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7 Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of post-fitting
8 counseling, education and rehabilitation provided by audiologists to children and adults who
9 obtain hearing assistive technology (e.g., hearing aids, FM devices), and

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11 Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of post-implant
12 rehabilitation services provided by audiologists to children and adults who have received
13 cochlear implants, and

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15 Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of audiologic
16 rehabilitation to educate children, adults and their families as to listening strategies and
17 auditory management, and

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19 Whereas, substantial evidence has been published showing the benefits of vestibular
20 rehabilitation such as canalith repositioning procedures and tinnitus treatment.

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22 Be it resolved that the American Academy of Audiology offers unequivocal support for third
23 party reimbursement for audiologic treatment for children and adults with hearing loss as well
24 as vestibular rehabilitation and tinnitus treatment, and

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26 Be it resolved that the American Academy of Audiology is working towards this outcome
27 with other interested partners who serve the needs of children and adults with hearing loss,
28 tinnitus, and balance disorders.

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