

Subject: Fair Reimbursement for Services

1 Whereas, audiologists are recognized by licensure in all fifty states and the District of Columbia
2 as independent healthcare providers for services relating to the hearing and vestibular/balance
3 systems, and
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5 Whereas, audiologists are uniquely educated and trained in the diagnosis of diseases and disorders
6 of the auditory and vestibular systems, and
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8 Whereas, audiologists are uniquely educated and trained in the evaluation and management of
9 non-medically treatable disorders of the auditory and vestibular systems, and
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11 Whereas, audiologists are independently and autonomously credentialed to practice in all fifty
12 states and the District of Columbia, and
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14 Whereas, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan and most private insurance providers
15 recognize and reimburse audiologists as autonomous providers of audiologic services, and
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17 Whereas, audiologists are responsible for the care and management of disorders related to the
18 auditory and vestibular systems, and
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20 Whereas, audiologists incur similar costs to other healthcare providers in the establishment and
21 maintenance of a clinical practice, including facilities, equipment, and support staff, and
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23 Whereas, audiologists uphold similar standards of professional development to physicians and
24 other non-physician providers, and absorb the costs associated with such activities.
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26 Resolved, that the American Academy of Audiology supports reimbursement for services
27 provided by audiologists within their scope of practice, at reimbursement levels commensurate
28 with a doctoring healthcare professional.
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