

## **Audiology**

The assessment, evaluation, counseling, habilitation, or rehabilitation of a Covered Individual who has, or is suspected of having, hearing disorders or vestibular function disorders by a professional licensed in Audiology. Audiologists are also licensed to dispense, sell, and manage fittings for hearing instruments.

Audiology:

- must be delivered consistent with professional standards of practice;
- requires face-to-face or telephone contact with the Covered Individual to conduct assessments, provide therapy, or fit, dispense, and manage hearing devices;
- is typically delivered in the Practitioner's office or the Covered Individual's home;
- addresses identified individual needs as determined by assessment by a Licensed Audiologist; the Person Directed Planning Team, and in conjunction with a Licensed Physician;
- includes interacting face-to-face or by telephone with a person, except a provider of nursing, case management, or other covered counseling and therapies, regarding the Audiology services provided to the Covered Individual;
- includes participation in the Covered Individual's Person Directed Planning meetings;
- includes training a service provider of day habilitation, respite, employment assistance, supported employment, contracted residential services, community support/supported home living, or a person other than a service provider, who is involved in serving the Covered Individual, regarding how Audiology services will be provided, including training to document the provision of the Audiology services;
- is provided as a 1:1 service;
- does not include transportation of an individual, travel time, or time waiting to provide services;
- does not include supervision of services or tasks outside the scope of professional licensure;
- cannot be provided by someone who resides in the same residence as the Covered Individual;
- cannot be provided to the minor child by a parent of that minor child;
- does not include time spent writing or review reports and other documents; time spent scheduling appointments, time spent training about general topics unrelated to a specific Covered Individual, or time spent interacting with other service providers of covered counseling and therapies, nursing, or case management, if not during a Person Directed Planning Meeting.

Unit of Service: 15 minutes

Credentialing Requirement: Licensed as an Audiologist by the Texas State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.