

### **310-A      AUDIOLOGY**

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REFERENCES: 42 CFR 440.110

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) covers medically necessary audiology services to evaluate hearing loss for all members, on an inpatient and outpatient basis. Only an AHCCCS-registered dispensing audiologist or an AHCCCS-registered individual with a valid hearing aid dispensing license may dispense hearing aids. Hearing aids, provided as a part of audiology services, are covered only for members for members age 21 and under who are eligible for AHCCCS.

Audiology services must be provided by an audiologist who is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and who meets the federal requirements specified under Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (42 CFR 440.110). Out-of-state audiologists must meet the federal requirements.

The federal requirements mandate that the audiologist have a master's or doctoral degree in audiology and meet one of the following conditions:

- A. Have a certificate of clinical competence in audiology granted by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), or
- B. Have successfully completed a minimum of 350 clock-hours of supervised clinical practicum (or be in the process of accumulating such supervised clinical experience under the supervision of a qualified master's or doctoral-level audiologist), performed at least nine months of supervised full-time audiology services under the supervision of a qualified master or doctoral-level audiologist after obtaining a master's or doctoral degree in audiology or a related field, and successfully completed a national examination in audiology approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.