



## 2. **Audiological Services**

The following services are covered when they are included in the IEP or are linked to a service in the IEP:

- ◆ [Audiological screening](#)
- ◆ [Individual audiological assessment](#)
- ◆ [Direct audiological service to an individual](#)
- ◆ [Direct audiological service in a group](#)
- ◆ [Contracted audiological therapy services](#)

To be covered by Medicaid, audiological services, including contracted audiological services, must be provided by a licensed audiologist.

### a. **Audiological Screening**

A licensed audiologist must perform hearing screening. Objective audiological screening must be performed in both ears:

- ◆ Using a pure-tone audiometer at a minimum of 500, 1000, 2000, and 4000 Hz.
- ◆ At a maximum of 25 dB HL at any one frequency.

If a student fails to respond at any of the four frequencies in either ear, a complete audiogram or other assessment must be done.

### b. **Individual Audiological Assessment**

Individual audiological assessment includes tests, tasks, and interviews used to:

- ◆ Identify hearing loss in students.
- ◆ Establish the nature, range, and degree of the hearing loss.
- ◆ Make referral for medical or other professional attention for the habilitation of hearing.



### c. **Direct Audiological Service to an Individual**

Direct audiological service to an individual is provided in a 1:1 therapist-to-student ratio. The type and level of treatment services are a direct outcome of the assessment. Services may be provided directly to the student or through case consultation.

Direct service includes:

- ◆ **Auditory training:** Sound discrimination tasks (in quiet noise), sound awareness, and sound localization.
- ◆ **Audiology treatment:** Services to students and their families, including:
  - Rehabilitative services to hearing-impaired students, including language habilitation, auditory training, speech reading (lip reading), speech conservation, and ongoing hearing evaluation.
  - Counseling and guidance of students, parents, and teachers regarding hearing loss and the proper care and use of amplification.
  - Determination of the student's need for group and individual amplification (hearing aids, auditory trainers, and other types of amplification).
  - Selection and fitting appropriate amplification.
  - Monitoring the functioning of the student's hearing aid or other amplification.
  - Evaluation of the effectiveness of amplification.
  - Adjustment or modification of hearing aids and other amplification.
  - Repair of amplification.
  - Making recommendation for new hearing aids or other amplification.

The role of **consultation** is monitoring, supervising, teaching, and training professionals, paraprofessionals and parents in the educational, home, or community environment.



Case consultation includes:

- ◆ Providing general information about a specific student's handicapping condition.
- ◆ Teaching special skills necessary for proper care of a specific student's hearing aid.
- ◆ Developing, maintaining, and demonstrating use and care of adaptive or assistive devices for a specific student.
- ◆ Making recommendations for enhancing a specific student's performance in education environments.

**d. Direct Audiological Service in a Group**

Direct audiological service provided in a group is identical in scope to the direct service activities listed under direct services to an individual, except that services are provided to a group of students not to exceed a 1:5 school audiologist-to-student ratio.

**e. Contracted Audiological Therapy Services**

Contracted audiological therapy services include screening, assessment and therapy services that are rendered by a qualified practitioner who is a contractor, rather than an employee, of the agency. The requirements for documentation, records maintenance, educational certification or licensure, and medical necessity remain unchanged.

**3. Nursing Services**

Nursing services include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Health assessments and evaluations.
- ◆ Diagnosis and planning.
- ◆ Administering and monitoring medical treatments and procedures.
- ◆ Consultation with licensed physicians and other health practitioners, parents, and staff regarding medications.
- ◆ Individual health counseling and instruction.
- ◆ Emergency intervention.
- ◆ Other activities and functions within the purview of the Nurse Practice Act.