

# BULLETIN

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**Subject:** Bone Anchored Hearing Device Policy Update

**Effective:** March 1, 2025

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, Children's Special Health Care Services

This policy updates the audiological criteria for bone anchored hearing devices (BAHD) or aids, also known as an auditory osseointegrated devices. The information in this bulletin is effective for dates of services on or after March 1, 2025.

In alignment with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) BAHD device use indications, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will no longer require a speech recognition score as part of the BAHD audiological criteria for beneficiaries with unilateral or bilateral conductive or mixed hearing loss. Beneficiaries must continue to meet all other BAHD policy audiological criteria and standards of coverage in order for the device to be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Providers should refer to the refer to the Hearing Services and Device chapter of the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for complete coverage information.

## **Medicaid Health Plans/Integrated Care Organizations**

Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) and Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs) must provide the full range of covered services described in this policy at a minimum and may choose to provide services over and above those specified. MHPs and ICOs are allowed to develop prior authorization requirements and utilization review criteria that differ from Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid requirements. For beneficiaries enrolled in an MHP or ICO, the provider must check with the plan for applicable BAHD requirements.

## **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated into the MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual.

**Questions**

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mailed to [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, NPI number, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Typical Providers may phone toll-free 800-292-2550. Atypical Providers may phone toll-free 800-979-4662.

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