

**MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET**

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

**Brief description of policy:**

This policy updates the audiological criteria for bone anchored hearing devices (BAHD) by no longer requiring a speech recognition score for beneficiaries with unilateral or bilateral conductive or mixed hearing loss.

**Reason for policy (problem being addressed):**

To align with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) BAHD device use indications.

**Budget implication:**

budget neutral

will cost MDHHS \$ , and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation

will save MDHHS \$

**Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?**

No

**Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?**

Yes- Program Review Division (PRD).

**Does policy have operational implications on other departments?**

No

**Summary of input:**

controversial

acceptable to most/all groups

limited public interest/comment

**Supporting Documentation:**

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status:	If yes,
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<b>DRAFT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		
<b>Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</b>	<b>Project Number:</b> 2450-Hearing	<b>Date:</b> December 11, 2024

**Comments Due:** January 15, 2025  
**Proposed Effective Date:** March 1, 2025  
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**Policy Subject:** Bone Anchored Hearing Device Policy Update

**Affected Programs:** Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, Children’s Special Health Care Services

**Distribution:** Practitioners, Hospitals, Audiologists, Hearing and Speech Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Health Centers, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations

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**Purpose:** To align with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) BAHD device use indications.

**Cost Implications:** Budget Neutral.

**Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues:** Aware of None.

<b>State Plan Amendment Required:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>If yes, date submitted:</b>	<b>Public Notice Required:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Submitted date:</b>
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**Tribal Notification:** Yes  No  - **Date:**

**THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER**

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# Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

**Distribution:** Practitioners, Hospitals, Audiologists, Hearing and Speech Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Tribal Health Centers, Medicaid Health Plans, Integrated Care Organizations

**Issued:** January 30, 2025 (Proposed)

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

**Effective:** March 1, 2025 (Proposed)

**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.