



AlaskaCare Benefit Clarification

Benefit Title	Coverage of Evaluation and Management for Audiologist	Group Number	866219-10, 11, 12, 31, 50
Effective Date	January 1, 2014	Date Submitted	7/28/2014

Applicable Benefit Plan (check all that apply):

- Active
 Retiree
 Long-Term Care
 Medical
 Dental
 Vision
 Audio
 Pharmacy
 Other


Description: Evaluation and Management are typically not covered under Aetna’s reimbursement policies. These evaluation and management CPTs are considered incidental to other services.

AlaskaCare Insurance Information Booklet Reference(s):

- **2003 Retiree Insurance Information Booklet:** page 81, Covered Audio Services, “Following is a list of covered services:…An audiological (hearing) examination and evaluation by a certified or licensed audiologist, including a follow-up consultation.”
- **January 1, 2014 AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan:** Page 72, 3.5.31 Audio Services, “Covered expenses include the following audio services…An audiological (hearing) examination and evaluation by a certified or licensed audiologist, including a follow up consultation.”

Decision: Cover claims for CPT codes: 99201, 99202, 99203, 99211, 99212, and 99213 for Evaluation and Management services.

Plan Administrator Approval:

Signature  Title Deputy Commissioner Date 9/11/14
Department of Administration

Comments:

This benefit clarification applies to the AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan effective January 1, 2014 and the AlaskaCare Retiree Health Plan as amended January 1, 2014.

A benefit clarification is one mechanism by which the Plan Administrator provides guidance to the Third Party Administrator (TPA) as to the proper adjudication of a specific provision of the AlaskaCare Health Plan(s). A benefit clarification does not amend the AlaskaCare Health Plan(s); rather, it provides clarification as to the Plan Administrator's intent with regard to a specific provision of the plan document. No covered person will have any vested interest in a benefit clarification. The Commissioner of Administration, as administrator of the AlaskaCare Health Plans, reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to alter, amend, delete, cancel or otherwise modify this benefit clarification at any time and from time to time, and to any extent that he deems advisable.