SECTION 200

CHART OF ACCOUNTS

7580 AUDIOLOGY

Function

The Audiology cost center provides and coordinates services to person’s age newborns through geriatrics. Audiology evaluates individuals with auditory and vestibular complaints or symptoms (including, but not limited to, impaired hearing, tinnitus, dizziness, imbalance, sound intolerance, delayed speech and language, auditory processing problems, poor educational performance, or failed hearing and/or balance screening results), and aid in the diagnosis of vestibular disease/falls risk leading to vestibular rehabilitation. Audiology diagnoses hearing loss, identifies auditory disorders, and determines the possible etiology of auditory disorders.

Conducted evaluations include, case history (including previous assessments and diagnoses, diagnostic impressions, and management planning); physical examination of the ears and cranial nerve function, gait, and posture; qualitative and/or quantitative classification of communication abilities; assessment and impact of tinnitus and/or decreased sound tolerance; behavioral (psychometric or psychophysical), physical, and electrophysiological tests of hearing, auditory function, balance and vestibular function, and auditory processing that result in the formation of a diagnosis and subsequent management and treatment planning.

Audiologists collaborate with other healthcare providers, patients and their caregivers to integrate information, test results, and treatment recommendations to develop a comprehensive needs assessment for medical, educational, psychosocial, vocational, or other services. They also design and implement programs to prevent the onset or progression of hearing loss and identify individuals exposed to potentially adverse conditions.

Description

This cost center contains the direct expenses incurred in maintaining an Audiology program. The expense related to the sale of hearing aids and disposable medical supplies must not be included here but accounted for in the Medical Supplies Sold cost center. Included as direct expenses are salaries and wages, employee benefits, professional fees (non-physician), supplies, purchased services, other direct expenses and transfers.

Standard Unit of Measure: Relative Value Units

Audiology Relative Value Units (RVU) as determined by the Health Services Cost Review Commission. (See Appendix D of this manual.) Relative Value Units for unlisted services or procedures should be estimated based on other comparable modalities or procedures.

Data Source

The **number** of RVU shall be obtained from an actual count maintained by the Audiology Cost Center.

Reporting Schedule

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