

Audiology Proposed OPPS Payment by HCPCS Code for CY 2027

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	SI	APC	2026 Payment Rate	2027 Proposed Payment Rate	Percentage Variance 2026-2027	Dollar Variance 2026-2027
92517	Vemp test i&r cervical	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.93	11%	\$ 15.47
92518	Vemp test i&r ocular	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.92	11%	\$ 15.46
92519	Vemp tst i&r cervical&ocular	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92537	Caloric vstblr test w/rec	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.93	11%	\$ 15.47
92538	Caloric vstblr test w/rec	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92540	Basic vestibular evaluation	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92541	Spontaneous nystagmus test	Q1	5734	\$135.93	\$152.43	11%	\$ 16.50
92542	Positional nystagmus test	Q1	5734	\$135.93	\$152.43	11%	\$ 16.50
92544	Optokinetic nystagmus test	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92545	Oscillating tracking test	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92546	Sinusoidal rotational test	D	5721	\$131.46			
92547	Supplemental electrical test	N					
92548	Cdp-sot 6 cond w/i&r	Q1	5734	\$135.93	\$152.43	11%	\$ 16.50
92549	Cdp-sot 6 cond w/i&r mct&adt	Q1	5734	\$135.93	\$152.43	11%	\$ 16.50
92550	Tympanometry & reflex thresh	Q1	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92551	Pure tone hearing test air	E1					
92552	Pure tone audiometry air	Q1	5734	\$135.93	\$152.43	11%	\$ 16.50
92553	Audiometry air & bone	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92555	Speech threshold audiometry	Q1	5733	\$60.27	\$66.91	10%	\$ 6.64
92556	Speech audiometry complete	Q1	5733	\$60.27	\$66.91	10%	\$ 6.64
92557	Comprehensive hearing test	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.46	10%	\$ 15.00
92558	Evoked auditory test qual	E1					
92562	Loudness balance test	Q1	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92563	Tone decay hearing test	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92565	Stenger test pure tone	Q1	5733	\$60.27	\$66.91	10%	\$ 6.64

92567	Tympanometry	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92568	Acoustic refl threshold tst	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92570	Acoustic immitance testing	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92571	Filtered speech test	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92572	Staggered spondaic word test	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92575	Sensorineural acuity lvl tst	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92576	Synthetic sentence id test	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92577	Stenger test speech	Q1	5723	\$381.96	\$435.61	12%	\$ 53.65
92579	Visual audiometry (vra)	Q1	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92582	Conditioning play audiometry	Q1	5721	\$132.89	\$146.93	10%	\$ 14.04
92583	Select picture audiometry	Q1	5733	\$60.27	\$66.91	10%	\$ 6.64
92584	Electrocochleography	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.93	11%	\$ 15.47
92587	Evoked auditory test limited	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92588	Evoked auditory tst complete	S	5723	\$381.96	\$435.61	12%	\$ 53.65
92596	Ear protector evaluation	Q1	5732	\$36.18	\$41.98	14%	\$ 5.80
92597	Oral speech device eval	A					
92601	Cochlear implt f/up exam <7	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92602	Reprogram cochlear implt <7	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92603	Cochlear implt f/up exam 7/>	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92604	Reprogram cochlear implt 7/>	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92620	Auditory function 60 min	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92621	Auditory function + 15 min	N					
92622	Dx aly aud oi snd prcsr 1st	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92623	Dx aly aud oi snd prcsr each	N					
92625	Tinnitus assessment	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92626	Eval aud funcj 1st hour	Q1	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97
92627	Eval aud funcj ea addl 15	N					
92630	Aud rehab pre-ling hear loss	E1					
92633	Aud rehab postling hear loss	E1					
92640	Aud brainstem implt programg	S	5721	\$131.46	\$146.43	10%	\$ 14.97

92650	Aep scr auditory potential	E1					
92651	Aep hearing status deter i&r	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92652	Aep thrshld est mlt freq i&r	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92653	Aep neurodiagnostic i&r	S	5722	\$220.60	\$247.21	11%	\$ 26.61
92X10	Vhit lat smrcclr canal funcj	S	5721		\$146.43		
92X11	Vhit lat&ver smrcrl cnl func	S	5721		\$146.43		
92XX5	Rotl vstblr assmt sha tstg	S	5721		\$146.43		
92XX6	Rotl vstblr assmt sha w/vst	N					

Source: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician/federal-regulation-notice>

Status Indicator	Definition
N	Payment is packaged into payment for other services. Therefore, there is no separate APC payment.
E1	Not paid by Medicare when submitted on outpatient claims (any outpatient bill type).
J1	Hospital Part B services paid through a comprehensive APC
Q1	STV-Packaged Codes
S	Procedure or Service, Not Discounted When Multiple

Note: *Members will notice that most of the Audiology APC payment rates have been reduced in the current update period. These decreases are driven primarily by CMS's recalibration of Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs) using recent hospital claims and cost-report data, which resulted in many audiology services being reassigned to lower-paying APCs or given packaged status indicators. When services are moved into APCs with lower relative weights, or are designated as packaged with no separate payment, the effective reimbursement for those codes declines—even in years when the overall OPPS conversion factor is increased—producing the substantial net cuts now seen in audiology APC payments.*

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