

## Speech Therapists and Audiologists 2005

### NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY SPEECH THERAPISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS, EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2005

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

General Rules					
A	All accounts must be presented with the following information clearly stated:  · name of practitioner · qualifications of the practitioner; · BHF practice number; · postal address and telephone number; · date on which service(s) were provided; · The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered; · the surname and initials of the member; · the first name of the patient; · the name of the scheme; · the membership number of the member; and · the name and practice number of the referring practitioner, if applicable.				U
B	The rate in respect of more than one evaluation under item 029 shall be the full rate for the first evaluation plus half the rate in respect of each additional evaluation, but under no circumstances may fees be charged for more than three evaluations carried out.				C
D	It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.				C
E	Materials used in treatment shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus –  - 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands;  - a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.  Use item 300 for this purpose.				A
ITEMS					
Assessment, Consultation & Treatment					
	The time used to conduct any diagnostic or treatment procedure claimed in addition to the codes in this section, can not be considered in determining the duration of the assessment, consultation or treatment claimed				A
	Only a single item from this section may be charged per patient encounter				A
Code	Description	St	Add	38200	
				RVU	Value
200	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 1-10min.	A		2.460	22.30 (19.60)
201	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 11-20min.	A		7.380	67.00 (58.80)
202	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 21-30min.	A		12.300	111.70 (98.00)
203	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 31-40min.	A		17.220	156.40 (137.20)
204	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 41-50min.	A		19.680	178.70 (156.80)

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205	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 51-60min.	A		22.140	201.00 (176.30)
206	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 61-70min.	A		24.590	223.30 (195.90)
207	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 71-80min.	A		27.050	245.60 (215.40)
208	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: 81-90min.	A		29.510	268.00 (235.10)
209	Speech/language therapy/audiology assessment, consultation or treatment. Duration: Greater than 90min.	A		30.740	279.10 (244.80)
<b>Speech, Voice and Language Disorder</b>					
007	Group therapy: per patient at rooms (Maximum of 3 patients per therapy)	C		4.100	37.20 (32.60)
	Note: Professional Group Consultations - no fee to be charged.	C			
009	Preparation of a home programme	U		5.000	45.40 (39.80)
	Note: This category is to prepare the home programme prior to consultation with patient or care giver	U			
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	C		-	-
<b>Audiology.</b>					
013	Pure Tone Audiogram (Air conduction). (3273)	C		4.500	40.90 (35.90)
015	Pure Tone Audiogram (Bone conduction). (3274)	C		4.500	40.90 (35.90)
017	Full Speech Audiogram including speech reception threshold and discrimination at two or more levels. (3277)	C		7.000	63.60 (55.80)
018	Speech audiogram screening.	C		4.400	40.00 (35.10)
021	Immittance Measurements (Impedance) (Tympanometry).	C		4.500	40.90 (35.90)
022	Immittance Measurements (Impedance) (Stapedial reflex). (3276)	C		4.500	40.90 (35.90)
023	Other tests: Tone Decay, Reflex Decay, Sisi, MCL & UCL (Speech and Pure Tone), Eustachian Tube Function, Stenger, Rinne & Weber tests; per test (3278)	U		4.500	40.90 (35.90)
	Individual tests done in terms of item 023 must be specified.	A			
025	Visual reinforcement audiometry and/or combined play audiometry employed in a sound field environment to assess peripheral hearing	U		17.700	160.70 (141.00)
029	Hearing Aid Evaluation, per ear (refer to General Rule B).	C		6.400	58.10 (51.00)
030	Short latency brainstem evoked potentials, neurological examination, single decibel, bilateral. (2692)	C		61.200	555.70 (487.50)
031	A.E.P. (ABR) Full Audiological examination (bilateral). (2694)	C		73.000	662.80 (581.40)
032	Bilateral mid or long latency auditory evoked potentials. (2698)	C		36.800	334.10 (293.10)
033	Electro-nystagmography (ENG) OR Video-nystagmography (VNG) for spontaneous and positional nystagmus. (3253)	U		17.400	158.00 (138.60)
035	Caloric test done with electro-nystagmography (ENG) or video-nystagmography (VNG). (3255)	U		48.700	442.20 (387.90)
036	Oto-acoustic emissions, comprehensive diagnostic evaluation.	C		30.800	279.70 (245.40)
037	Electrocochleography: Unilateral (2699)	U		34.800	316.00 (277.20)
038	Bilateral (2700)	C		61.200	555.70 (487.50)
039	Oto-acoustic emissions - limited (single stimulus level, either transient or distortion product) for the use in universal screening programmes of babies in hospital maternity units or rooms. (NOT TO BE USED FOR SCREENING IN SCHOOLS OR INDUSTRY)	C		10.300	93.50 (82.00)

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041	Cochlea Implants: Pre-implant round window promontory testing (Subject to pre-authorisation and motivation by ENT Specialist)	C		33.800	306.90 (269.20)
042	Cochlea Implants: Full electrode (i.e. 24 electrodes) mapping (approx. 1 hour) (Subject to pre-authorisation and motivation by ENT Specialist)	C		20.000	181.60 (159.30)
043	Cochlea Implants: Subsequent electrode mapping (approx. 30 minutes) (Subject to pre-authorisation and motivation from ENT Specialist)	C		10.000	90.80 (79.60)
046	Facial nerve function test (3224)	C		34.800	316.00 (277.20)
047	Test battery for Central Auditory Processing Disorders. Minimum of two tests - tests to be specified.	C		13.300	120.80 (106.00)
048	Cochlea Implant; Implant test; Four test modes (Subject to motivation by ENT specialist)	C		4.500	40.90 (35.90)
049	Cochlea Implant; Neural Response Telemetry (Subject to motivation by ENT specialist)	C		73.000	662.80 (581.40)
050	Cochlea Implant: Electrical Stapedius Reflex Thresholds (Subject to motivation by ENT specialists)	C		36.900	335.10 (293.90)
051	Global charge for supply and fitting of hearing aid and follow-up (By arrangement with scheme).	C		-	-
052	Technical adjustment of hearing aid/device, per ear.	U		4.800	43.60 (38.20)
053	Insertion gain measurement, per ear.	C		4.900	44.50 (39.00)
055	Re-programming of hearing aid, per ear	A		9.600	87.20 (76.50)
057	Repairs to hearing aids. Ex gratia by arrangement with each scheme.	C		-	-
<b>Material</b>					
300	Medication / material	A			