Surgical Implant of the
Auditory Osseointegrated System (AOI)
The codes in this section may be reported by both the surgeon and the surgical facility (ASC/hospital).

**Code: When performing procedure:**
- 69714 Auditory osseointegrated device implantation with attachment to sound processor, without mastoidectomy
- 69715 Auditory osseointegrated device implantation with attachment to sound processor, with mastoidectomy
- 69717 Removal and replacement of existing osseointegrated implant, with attachment to sound processor, without mastoidectomy
- 69718 Removal and replacement of existing osseointegrated implant, with attachment to sound processor, with mastoidectomy

**Auditory Osseointegrated Systems**
Typically only reported by the surgical facility providing the device.

**Code: When providing device or service:**
- L8690 Auditory osseointegrated system, including all internal and external components

**Modifiers**
When a claim reports the following situations:
- S1 Multiple procedure codes on the same claim
- S2 Reported CPT code is not fully performed or partially reduced
- S8 Procedure was staged from earlier surgery within global period (e.g. abutment attached in second surgical procedure)
- S9 Distinct procedure (e.g. implantation of second “sleeper” implant)

For Medicare claims use
- **XE Separate Encounter:** Service That Is Distinct Because It Occurred During A Separate Encounter
- **XS Separate Structure:** Service That Is Distinct Because It Was Performed On A Separate Organ/Structure
- **XP Separate Practitioner:** Service That Is Distinct Because It Was Performed By A Different Practitioner
- **UX Unusual Non-Overlapping Svc:** Use Of A Service That Is Distinct Because It Does Not Overlap usual components of the main service

**Note:** Payers have differing rules on proper use of modifiers. Consult your payers to confirm policies.

**Example Facility Billing Scenarios**

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**Auditory Osseointegrated Implant Abutment Change**
There is no specific procedure code for an abutment revision, so in many cases it is reported within other procedures performed at that time. For instance, soft tissue reduction might be reported with one of the following codes:

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<td>Debridement, subcutaneous tissue (includes epidermis and dermis, if performed), first 20 sq cm or less</td>
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<td>Unlisted procedure, external ear</td>
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**Note:** This code requires submission of additional documentation with the claim explaining the procedure.

**Revenue Codes**
Revenue codes are used only for hospital/ASC claims.

- **Code:** When providing device or service:
  - 0278 Medical/surgical supplies and other implants
  - 0361 Operating room services and minor surgery
  - 0274 Prosthetic/orthotic devices (e.g. AOI abutments) under the revenue codes section

- **Code/Modifier**
  - Concurrent AOI system implant
  - Surgical placement of the Baha System Implant with abutment attachment
  - L8690 Auditory osseointegrated system, including all internal and external components
  - Two-Stage AOI system Implantation
  - Stage 1: Surgical placement of the Baha System Implant
  - L8690 Auditory osseointegrated system, including all internal and external components
  - Stage 2 within 90 days of stage 1: Attachment of abutment
  - Stage 2 more than 90 days after stage 1: Attachment of abutment
  - Concurrent AOI Implantation with second “sleeper” fixture
  - Surgical placement of the Baha System Implant with abutment attachment
  - L8690 Auditory Osseointegrated system, including all internal and external components
  - Surgical placement of the AOI “sleeper” implant
  - L9900 Sleeper implant only

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### Audiologist/Professional Services

The codes in this section may be reported by audiologists and other licensed clinicians for services related to pre- and post-operative analysis and rehabilitation of Baha patients. This list is not intended to be comprehensive of all services that may be offered to Baha patients.

**Code:** 92521  
**When performing procedure:**  
**Evaluation of speech fluency**

**Code:** 92522  
**Evaluation of speech sound production**

**Code:** 92523  
**Evaluation of speech sound production; with evaluation of language comprehension and expression**

**Code:** 92524  
**Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance**

**Code:** 92550  
**Tympanometry and reflex threshold measurements**

**Code:** 92551  
**Screening test, pure tone, air only**

**Code:** 92552  
**Pure tone audiometry threshold evaluation via air only**

**Code:** 92553  
**Pure tone audiometry threshold evaluation via air and bone**

**Code:** 92555  
**Speech audiometry reception threshold evaluation**

**Code:** 92556  
**Speech audiometry threshold evaluation with speech recognition test**

**Code:** 92557  
**Comprehensive audiometry threshold evaluation and speech recognition (92553 & 92556 combined)**

**Code:** 92558  
**Speech audiometry threshold evaluation with speech recognition, (92553 & 92556 combined)**

**Code:** 92567  
**Tympanometry (impedance testing)**

**Code:** 92568  
**Acoustic reflex testing; threshold**

**Code:** 92570  
**Acoustic immittance testing, includes tympanometry (impedance testing), acoustic reflex threshold testing, and acoustic reflex decay testing**

**Code:** 92579  
**Visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA)**

**Code:** 92582  
**Conditioning play audiometry (threshold evaluation in children)**

**Code:** 92583  
**Select picture audiometry threshold evaluation**

**Code:** 92585  
**Auditory evoked potentials for evoked response audiometry and/or testing of the central nervous system, comprehensive**

**Code:** 92586  
**Auditory evoked potentials for evoked response audiometry and/or testing of the central nervous system, limited**

**Code:** 92626  
**Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status; first hour (can be used pre-op or post-op)**

**Code:** 92627  
**Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status; each additional 15 minutes**

**Code:** 92630  
**Auditory rehabilitation; pre-lingual hearing loss**

**Code:** 92633  
**Auditory rehabilitation; post-lingual hearing loss**

### Post Operative Services

**Code:** 92700  
**Unlisted otorhinolaryngological service or procedure**

**Example:** May be used to cover fitting of sound processor. Some payors may accept codes such as V5060 or V5011 for fitting and adjustment of sound processor.

**Code:** 92626  
**Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status; first hour**

**Code:** 92627  
**Evaluation of auditory rehabilitation status; each additional 15 minutes**

### Medicare Billing Notes

Medicare has a number of rules dictating how certain codes may be billed. Some rules include:

- **92507** May only be provided by an SLP. Medicare will not pay audiologists for these codes.
- **92626** Payable when billed by an audiologist or an SLP.
- **92627**

### Baha Softband

**Code:** L8691  
**Auditory osseointegrated device, external sound processor, replacement**

**Code:** L8693  
**Auditory osseointegrated device abutment, any length, replacement only**

**Code:** L9900  
**Supply, accessory and/or service component of another HCPCS "L" code**

**Code:** L9900  
**Orthotic and prosthetic supply, accessory, and/or service component of another HCPCS "L" code (replacement headband only)**

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