

## **CHANGES TO MEDICAL NECESSITY REVIEW CRITERIA FOR BONE-ANCHORED HEARING SYSTEM**

Applies to: Commercial - HMO ☒ POS ☒ PPO ☒ Medicare Advantage ☐

Network list: <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/communications/letters>

**Effective September 1, 2025**, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) are updating the medical necessity criteria for Bone Anchored Hearing System (BAHA).

### **Explanation of the change:**

Kaiser Permanente is updating the medical necessity criteria for BAHA using MCG hybrid policy KP-0564 09012025 to include an update to the trial period with air conduction hearing aids prior to BAHS implantation.

To review the Bone Anchored Hearing System (BAHA) clinical review criteria, please visit the Kaiser Permanente provider website at:

<https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/static/pdf/hosting/clinical/criteria/pdf/baha.pdf>

### **Is prior authorization required?**

- KFHPWA Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) members: Prior authorization is required.
- KFHPWAO Point of Service (POS) members: Prior authorization is required for in-network coverage.
- KFHPWAO Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) members: Prior authorization is required.

Questions: Contact Provider Assistance Unit at 1-888-767-4670, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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