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Student Academy of Audiology



Legislative Updates

- On March 31, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) added 15 audiology codes to expand the list of authorized telehealth services for beneficiaries. This will increase provision and reimbursement of teleaudiology services through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. [See the list of codes added here!](#)
- The 10th state, Nebraska, has passed legislation to adopt the Audiology and Speech Pathology Interstate Licensure Compact (ASLP-IC), meaning the ASLP-IC is officially operational! The compact will now establish a Commission composed of one audiologist and one speech pathologist from each participating state to direct and oversee implementation. [For the latest updates, check the ASLP-IC website!](#)

May is Better Hearing Month!

- Join the Academy in celebrating and promoting May as Better Hearing Month.
- Audiologists remain vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the expansion of telehealth services, communication may have changed, including how to reach and connect with patients.
- The Academy has created resources, media graphics, news articles, press releases, and more to raise awareness about the role of the audiologist in screening, treatment and care, and hearing and balance disorders.
- We encourage you to share public awareness materials, update your cover photo, and share a graphic or featured web article on social media using #betterhearingmonth
- [Find web articles, resources, and templates here!](#)



Advocacy in Action

Did you sign up for the 2021 American Academy of Audiology (AAA) conference? Learn from experts in coding and reimbursement and evolving tele-practice in audiology! Log in to view these two on-demand presentations:

Audiology Coding and Reimbursement in Review 2020-2021

Anna Jilla, AuD, PhD - *University of Texas Health Sciences Center*
Shreemanti Chakrabarty, AuD, MBA

Point-Counterpoint: The Role of Tele-Practice, Post COVID-19

Dave Fabry, PhD - *Starkey*
Lori Zitelli, AuD - *UPMC/University of Pittsburgh*
Brian Fligor, PhD - *Tobias & Battite Hearing Wellness*
Terence Limb, AuD - *Evergreen Speech & Hearing*
Anna Jilla, AuD, PhD - *University of Texas Health Sciences Center*
Julie Honaker, PhD - *Cleveland Clinic*

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