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Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA)

MP9018

Covered Service: Yes

Prior Authorization Required: No

Additional Information: None

WellFirst Health Medical Policy:

- 1.0 Bone anchored hearing aid (BAHA) for members age 5 years or older **does not require** prior authorization.
- 2.0 BAHA are considered medically necessary for the treatment of bilateral or unilateral conductive or mixed (both conductive and sensorineural) hearing loss when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:
 - 2.1 Cortical bone thickness of 3 mm or more
 - 2.2 Pure-tone average bone conduction hearing threshold less than or equal to level appropriate for model to be implanted
 - 2.3 Middle or external ear pathology not amenable to surgical reconstruction
 - 2.4 Trial of air conduction hearing aid failed or not appropriate.

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