

**WAC 182-547-0200 Definitions.** The following definitions, the definitions found in RCW 18.35.010, and those found in chapter 182-500 WAC apply to this chapter.

**"Bone-anchored hearing aid" or "bone conduction hearing device"** means a type of hearing aid that transmits sound vibrations through bones in the head. The inner ear translates the vibrations the same way a normal ear translates sound waves. These devices can be surgically implanted or worn on headbands.

**"Cochlear implant device"** means an electrical device that receives sound and transmits the resulting signal to electrodes implanted in the cochlea. That signal stimulates the cochlea so that hearing impaired persons can perceive sound.

**"Digital hearing aids"** means wearable sound-amplifying devices that use a digital circuit to analyze and process sound.

**"Hearing aids"** means wearable sound-amplifying devices that are intended to compensate for hearing loss. These devices use a digital circuit to analyze and process sound. Hearing aids are described by where they are worn in the ear as in-the-ear (ITE), behind-the-ear (BTE), etc.

**"Hearing health care professional"** means an audiologist or hearing aid specialist licensed under chapter 18.35 RCW, or a physician specializing in diseases and disorders of the ear licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW.

**"Maximum allowable fee"** means the maximum dollar amount that the medicaid agency will pay a provider for specific services, supplies and equipment.

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