## **IHCP** bulletin

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## Reduction in reimbursement for speech/hearing therapists and audiologists

Effective July 1, 2011, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reduce reimbursement to speech/hearing therapists and audiologists by 5 percent for members enrolled in the IHCP. The reduction will continue through June 30, 2013. This rate reduction will be applied at the claim detail level, based on the billing provider specialty. The IHCP-allowed amount for any procedure performed by a speech/hearing therapist (provider specialty 173) or audiologist (provider specialty 200) will be reduced by 5 percent for all services provided on or after July 1, 2011. Hearing aids are not subject to this rate reduction, as rates for hearing aids are being addressed separately (see <u>BT201117</u>). This reduction in the allowed amount will occur prior to subtracting third-party liability (TPL) for the claim.

These changes will be applied to all Traditional Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, and *Care Select* claims, including Medicare crossover claims.

The OMPP appreciates your cooperation and your continued participation as providers in the IHCP.

## QUESTIONS?

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