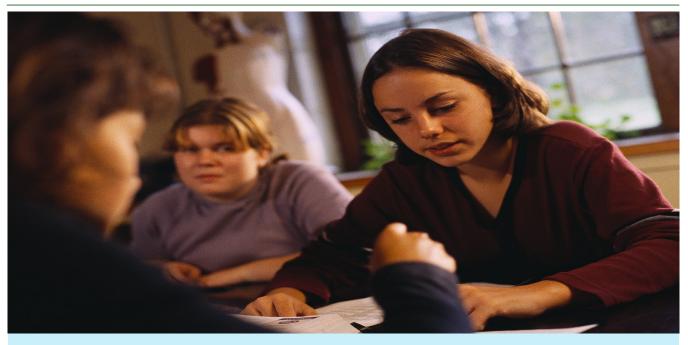
# **IHCP** bulletin

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## Update regarding reduction in reimbursement for speech/hearing therapists and audiologists

As previously published in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin <u>BT201116</u>, the IHCP implemented a 5% reduction in reimbursement to speech/hearing therapists and audiologists effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. This reimbursement reduction has been extended to dates of service through December 31, 2013. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014, reimbursement amounts will return to their pre-reduction levels.* 

For dates of service from July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, the IHCP will reduce reimbursement to speech/ hearing therapists and audiologists by 5%. This 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%. Hearing aids are **not** subject to this rate reduction. This reduction will occur before subtracting third-party liability (TPL) for the claim.

This change applies to all Traditional Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, and *Care Select* claims, including Medicare crossover claims.

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