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**To: All Indiana Health Coverage Programs Physicians,
Audiologists, and Hearing Aid Dealers**

Subject: Hearing Aid Coding and Billing Information

Overview

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) recently reviewed hearing aid codes based on several provider inquiries related to billing problems. This bulletin notifies providers of updates to the claims processing system. The updates include activating national codes that have replaced local codes, end-dating local codes no longer needed to cover services in the IHCP, and covering four hearing aid codes that were incorrectly loaded in the system as not covered during the 2002 Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) update.

Coding and Billing Information for Hearing Aid Repairs and Supplies

The local codes in Table 1 will be end-dated and made non-covered effective immediately. These services should be billed with the specified replacement codes that were effective on January 1, 2002 (V5014 has been effective for several years). Prior authorization was not required for the local codes and therefore is **not** required for the replacement codes listed in Table 1. The pricing for these codes will remain the same as the pricing of the local codes. Pricing information is included in the Indiana Medicaid Fee Schedule located on the IHCP web site at www.indianamedicaid.com

Table 1 - Coding and Billing Information for Hearing Aid Repairs and Supplies

Replacement Code	Description	End-Dated Local Code	Description
V5266	Battery for use in hearing device	Y7110	Hearing Aid Batteries
V5014	Repair/modification of a hearing aid	Y7600	Repair of Hearing Aid, Includes Earmold
V5267	Hearing aid supplies/accessories	Y7601	Hearing Aid Supplies (Hooks, Tubing, etc.)
V5264	Ear mold/insert, not disposable, any type	Y7602	Hearing Aid Earmold

Additional Covered Codes for Hearing Aids

Table 2 lists hearing aid codes that were effective *January 1, 2001*. 405 IAC 5-19-13 (6) states that Medicaid does not reimburse for canal hearing aids. The codes in Table 2 are classified as *in the ear* (ITE) hearing aids, and therefore are reimbursable by the IHCP. The codes in Table 2 *require prior authorization*. Prior authorization criteria for programmable hearing aids are outlined in *Bulletin BT200105, Programmable Hearing Aids*, published on February 9, 2001. This bulletin is available on the IHCP web site at www.indianamedicaid.com

Providers are reminded that the most appropriate code should be used when submitting requests for prior authorization or claims payment.

Table 2 - ITE Hearing Aids Code Information

Procedure Code	HCPCS Description	Prior Authorization
V5246	Hearing aid, digitally programmable analog, monaural, ite (in the ear)	Yes
V5252	Hearing aid, digitally programmable, binaural, ite (in the ear)	Yes
V5256	Hearing aid, digital, monaural, ite	Yes
V5260	Hearing aid, digital, binaural, ite	Yes

Non-Covered Code

Code V5241 - *dispensing fee, monaural hearing aid, any type*, was incorrectly listed as a covered code in *Bulletin BT200207, New 2002 Health Care Procedure Coding System Codes*. This code has been end-dated and is not available for billing the service to the IHCP. Dispensing fees are included in the reimbursement of the hearing aid and are not separately billable.

Additional Information

Questions about this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278.

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