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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Audiology Transmittal No. 3

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TO: All Audiology Providers
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FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
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NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are Informed of the contents of this transmittal.

EPSDT: Audiology Services Regulation Amendments (COMAR 10.09.51)

Amendments to COMAR 10.09.51 EPSDT: Audiology Services have been adopted as proposed with an effective date of July 18, 2005. These regulations implement a number of changes as described below.

Hearing aids, hearing aid equipment and supplies will now be priced in accordance with the actual invoice cost for the item beginning with dates of service on and after July 18, 2005. This means discounts will be deducted from the cost. To ensure appropriate payment for services rendered, it is very important that the acquisition cost be billed for these services. Attach a copy of the manufacturer's invoice to your claim, and when necessary, a copy of the audiogram and/or audiologist report.

Following is an example of this reimbursement change:

<u>Invoice Cost for 1 Aid</u>	<u>Manufacturer Discount</u>	<u>Medicaid Reimbursement For Dates of Service before 07/18/05</u>	<u>Medicaid Reimbursement For Dates of Service 07/18/05 and After</u>
\$1,234.00	\$254.00	\$1,234.00	\$980.00

Please bill the usual and customary costs for professional services and the actual acquisition costs for hearing aids, equipment and supplies. The costs for shipping and handling, hearing aid supplies or accessories, and insurance should be billed using the assigned procedure codes. These costs should be itemized on the Maryland Medicaid claim and not incorporated with the costs for hearing aid or repair procedure codes.

The Department has established a limitation amount for replacement cochlear implant disposable batteries. The limitation amount is 238 or fewer purchased every 6 months. Billing requirements can be found in the EPSDT: Audiology Services Procedure Code and Fee Schedule. Please use one of the procedure codes that have been assigned for replacement cochlear implant disposable batteries.

The Program does not cover the purchase and repair of backup and spare aids. To obtain more information, please visit the Program's website at:

www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/providerinfo

Access the current EPSDT: Audiology Services procedure code and fee schedule at:

www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/providerinfo/pdf/EPSDT-Audiology0305.pdf

Questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to the Staff Specialist for Audiology Services at (410) 767-1722.