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SUBJECT

Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code
Changes for Hearing Aid Supplies

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers dispensing hearing aid supplies that the national procedure codes and modifiers, as applicable, will be used in place of local procedure codes for dates of service on or after March 1, 2007.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all physicians, audiologists and outpatient hospital clinics that dispense hearing aid supplies to Medical Assistance (MA) recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers dispensing hearing aid supplies under the managed care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Regulations issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C.§§ 1320d-1320d-8 require the Department of Public Welfare (Department) to use national procedure codes and eliminate local procedure codes, 45 C.F.R. § 162.1000. The Department is therefore end-dating local procedure codes and replacing them with national procedure codes.

As published in Public Notice 35 Pa.B. 6707, issued on December 10, 2005, the Department closed local procedure codes W1765, W9884, Y5241, Y5298, Y5242, and Z4652 used for hearing aid supplies effective December 11, 2005. In addition, MA Bulletin 05-05-04, et. al., titled Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, Vision Supplies and Hearing Supplies, issued on December 1, 2005, announced the end-dating of these local codes but inadvertently failed to notify all affected provider types. Therefore, these hearing supplies local procedure codes were re-opened on December 12, 2005, only for Provider Types 01 (outpatient hospital clinics), 20 (audiologists), and 31 (physicians).

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap

Effective February 28, 2007, local procedure codes W1765, W9884, Y5241, Y5298, Y5242 and Z4652 will be end-dated for Provider Types 01, 20 and 31. Services rendered on or after March 1, 2007, must be billed using the national procedure code and applicable modifier(s) as shown on the attached Hearing Aid Supplies Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk. Failure to use the national procedure codes for dates of service on or after March 1, 2007, will result in an inappropriate claim payment or claim denial.

Please note, in some instances, hearing aid supplies did not previously require prior authorization. However, as stated in PA Bulletin 35 Pa.B. 6707, and, as set forth in Section 443.6(a) of the Public Welfare Code (code) (62 P.S. § 443.6(a)), regarding reimbursement for certain MA items and services, in order to receive payment for items or services in subsection (b), the provider must secure authorization prior to actually providing the items or services. As such, the Department requires prior authorization for services provided on or after December 12, 2005, relating to the following national procedure codes: V5242, V5243, V5248 and V5249.

PROCEDURE:

The attached Hearing Aid Supplies Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk identifies the local procedure codes for hearing aid supplies that are being end-dated and the national procedure codes and modifiers that are replacing them. The local procedure codes are being cross walked to national procedure codes already on the MA Program Fee Schedule. In some cases, new modifiers are being added to the national procedure codes. Some of the fees for the national procedure codes are higher than the fees corresponding with the local procedure codes.

Physicians, audiologists and outpatient hospital clinics certified by the Department of Health (DOH) as hearing aid dispensers who dispense hearing aid supplies to MA-eligible recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system are directed to refer to the attached Hearing Supplies Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk to determine the appropriate national code and modifier(s), as applicable, to use in place of the local procedure codes for dates of service on or after March 1, 2007. Columns one through four provide information related to the end-dated Local Code, former MAMIS Provider Type, former MAMIS Type of Service, and Local Code Description. Columns five through fifteen provide information on the National Code, PROMISe™ Provider Type and PROMISe™ Specialty eligible to bill the procedure code, PROMISe™ Place of Service, required Pricing Modifier and Informational Modifier, National Code Description, MA Unit of Service, Limits, MA Fee, and Prior Authorization Requirements. Failure to use the appropriate national procedure code and modifier(s) combination will result in an inappropriate claim payment or claim denial.

The following local procedure codes currently used for hearing aid supplies will be end-dated:

| Procedure Code |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| W1765 | W9884 | Y5241 | Y5242 | Y5298 | Z4652 |

The above local procedure codes currently on the MA Program Fee Schedule will be end-dated and no new prior authorizations will be issued for these local procedure codes after February 28, 2007. For any of the above local procedure codes for which a prior authorization was issued prior to March 1, 2007, for dates of service on and after March 1, 2007, providers should submit invoices using the end-dated local procedure code as authorized by the Department. The Department will accept invoices with the authorized end-dated local procedure codes until February 28, 2008.

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2007, the following national procedure codes are replacing the specific end-dated local procedure codes. Services rendered on or after March 1, 2007, must be billed using the national procedure code and applicable modifiers as set forth below:

Local Procedure Code	National Procedure Code	Pricing Modifier	Informational Modifier	MA Fee
W1765	V5160			\$225.00
W9884	V5160			\$225.00
Y5241	V5014			\$45.00
Y5242	V5264		RT, LT, 50	\$40.00
	V5265		RT, LT, 50	\$15.00
Y5298	V5242		RT, LT, 50	\$400.00
	V5243		RT, LT, 50	\$400.00
	V5248			\$800.00
	V5249			\$800.00
	V5254		RT, LT, 50	\$1195.00
	V5255		RT, LT, 50	\$1195.00
	V5256		RT, LT, 50	\$1195.00
	V5257		RT, LT, 50	\$1195.00
	V5258			\$2390.00
	V5259			\$2390.00
	V5260			\$2390.00
	V5261			\$2390.00
Z4652	V5266			\$1.25

Providers may access the Office of Medical Assistance Programs' (OMAP) website for MA Bulletins issued to providers who provide hearing aid supplies that contain information on other end-dated local procedure codes at the following link: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap/omapprovmain.asp>.

Providers should refer to MA Bulletin # 01-07-03, et.al, titled, "Provider Specialty 220 (Hearing Aid Dispenser) Requirement," which outlines Provider Specialty 220 requirements for audiologists, physicians, outpatient hospital clinics, pharmacies and medical suppliers currently enrolled or who wish to enroll in the MA Program. Please note that an updated MA bulletin with the associated procedure codes will be issued in the near future to reflect the Provider Specialty 220 requirements that will be effective August 1, 2007.

ATTACHMENT: Hearing Aid Supplies Local to National Procedure Code Cross Walk