



# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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<b>ISSUE DATE</b> December 28, 2007	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> January 1, 2008	<b>NUMBER</b> ** See Below
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**SUBJECT**  
Issuance of an Updated MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule for Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies included in 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"

  
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## PURPOSE:

The purposes of this Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin are to:

- 1) provide an updated Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule, which includes service limits and prior authorization requirements, for the national procedure codes set forth in 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 December 1, 2005, and effective December 12, 2005; and
- 2) correct errors and omissions in the attachment to MA Bulletin 05-05-04.

## SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all prescribers and suppliers of DME, medical supplies, orthotics, prosthetics, vision and hearing supplies to MA recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system. Providers supplying DME, medical supplies, orthotics, prosthetics, vision supplies and hearing supplies under the managed care delivery system should address any coding or billing questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) issued MA Bulletin 05-05-04, et al, which included as an attachment, an MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule containing national procedure codes that were replacing local procedure codes for certain DME, medical supplies, orthotics, prosthetics, vision and hearing supplies. The OMAP has determined that the

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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attachment contained some errors and omissions related to the PROMISe™ Provider Type, Specialty, Place of Service, and/or the National Code definition for specific procedure codes. The OMAP is issuing an updated DME, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule. This updated MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule includes prior authorization requirements, service limits, and fees related to the national procedure codes issued with MA Bulletin 05-05-04, et al.

## **PROCEDURE:**

Providers are to refer to the attached DME, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule when providing services using the national procedure codes included in the attachment. The DME, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule provides information on the National Code; the National Code Definition; the PROMISe™ Provider Type, Specialty and Place of Service eligible to bill the procedure code; the required Pricing Modifier and Informational Modifier; the MA Units of Service; Limits/Comments information; the MA Fee and the Prior Authorization requirements. Failure to use the appropriate national procedure code and modifier(s) combination or correct place of service will result in claim denial or inappropriate claim payment.

As indicated in the DME, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule, the MA Program has established limits for these procedure codes. If the prescriber believes that the established limits cannot meet the recipient's needs, the prescriber on behalf of the MA recipient may request a waiver of the limits through the 1150 Administrative Waiver (Program Exception) process. Detailed information regarding the Program Exception process is located in Section 7 of the Medical Suppliers Provider Handbook. The handbook may be accessed at the following link: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/PROMISe/003675041.htm>.

**Note:** The attached DME, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule includes the Provider 220 Specialty for national procedure codes for the dispensing of Hearing Supplies. In accordance with MA Bulletins 01-07-03 et al, titled "Provider Specialty 220 (Hearing Aid Dispenser) Requirement", issued and effective March 1, 2007, and 01-07-07 et al, titled "Provider Specialty 220 (Hearing Aid Dispenser) Requirement and Updated Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule for Hearing Aid Supplies", issued August 3, 2007 and effective August 1, 2007, providers who dispense hearing aid supplies must have submitted a copy of their current Department of Health (DOH) certification and added Provider Specialty 220 (Hearing Aid Dispenser) to their MA provider enrollment file in order to provide and bill for hearing aid supplies. Providers who dispense hearing aid supplies must submit claims for hearing aid supplies using Provider Specialty 220.

## **Managed Care Delivery System**

MCOs are not required to impose the service limits that apply in the fee-for-service delivery system, although they are permitted to do so. MCOs may not impose service limits that are more restrictive than the service limits established in the fee-for service delivery system. An MCO that chooses to establish service limits must notify network providers of the limits before implementing the limits.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, Prosthetics, Vision and Hearing Supplies MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule, January 1, 2008