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<b>SUBJECT</b> MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule Decrease for Select Incontinence Products	<b>BY</b>  Izanne Leonard-Haak, Acting Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs
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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce that the Department of Public Welfare (Department) has decreased the Medical Assistance (MA) fees for four select incontinence products effective with dates of service on and after March 7, 2011.

**SCOPE:**

This bulletin applies to all MA Program enrolled pharmacies and medical suppliers who dispense incontinence products to MA recipients in the Fee-for-Service delivery system, including ACCESS Plus. Pharmacies and medical suppliers who dispense incontinence products to MA recipients enrolled under the managed care delivery system should address payment related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

The Department announced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 5, 2011, (41 Pa.B. 1267) that effective March 7, 2011, it was decreasing the fees on the MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule for four select incontinence products identified by the following procedure codes: T4533 defined as “Youth Sized Disposable Incontinence Product, Brief/Diaper, Each”, T4535 defined as “Disposable Liner, Shield, Guard, Pad, Undergarment, For Incontinence, Each”, T4536 defined as “Incontinence Product, Protective Underwear/Pull-On, Reusable, Any Size, Each”, and T4543 defined as “Disposable Incontinence Product, Brief/Diaper, Bariatric, Each”. The Department has decreased the MA Program fees for the four select incontinence products in order to comply with Pennsylvania’s Medicaid State Plan, which specifies, in part, that maximum fees for services covered under the MA Program must be consistent with efficiency and economy.

The Department surveyed all 50 state Medicaid programs for incontinence product fees by Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes. The Department received responses from 33 state Medicaid programs for those products that the state had an established fee. The Department averaged the responding Medicaid programs’ fees by procedure code for the incontinence products, and found that the majority of

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Pennsylvania's MA Program incontinence product fees were similar to or less than the fees paid by the responding Medicaid programs. The Department identified four incontinence product procedure codes, T4533, T4535, T4536 and T4543, for which its fees are higher than the average incontinence product fee paid by the responding Medicaid programs. To meet efficiency and economy requirements, the Department has decreased the MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule fees for procedure codes T4533, T4535, T4536 and T4543 as follows:

<b>HCPCS Code</b>	<b>Procedure Code Definition</b>	<b>Current MA Fee</b>	<b>MA Fee Effective March 7, 2011</b>
T4533	Youth sized disposable incontinence product, brief/diaper, each	\$ 0.76	\$0.65
T4535	Disposable liner, shield, guard, pad, undergarment, for incontinence, each	\$ 0.76	\$0.40
T4536	Incontinence product, protective underwear/pull-on, reusable, any size, each	\$13.00	\$7.20
T4543	Disposable incontinence product, brief/diaper, bariatric, each	\$ 2.03	\$1.62

**PROCEDURE:**

Effective for dates of service on and after March 7, 2011, the Department has decreased the MA Program fees for procedure codes T4533, T4535, T4536 and T4543 as set forth in this bulletin. The MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule may be viewed by accessing the following website link:

<http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/olddpw/OutpatientFeeSchedule.aspx>.