

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Hearing Aid Providers  
Audiologists  
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject:** Hearing Aids and Services: Year 2010 Changes and Additions to HCPCS Codes and Modifiers, Fee Schedule, and Coverage Table

**Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010**, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will:

- Update the Hearing Aids and Services Fee Schedule with the year 2010 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code additions and deletions as discussed in this memo;
- Update the coverage table in the current *Hearing Aids and Services Billing Instructions*; and
- No longer cover replacement parts for cochlear devices and bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) under Physician-Related Services. Cochlear device replacement and bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) parts are covered *only* under the Hearing Aids and Services program.

This memo also reminds providers of:

- Previous client eligibility changes effective November 1, 2009;
- Requirements for General Assistance –Unemployable clients effective November 1, 2009 and
- The requirement to complete ProviderOne Registration.

## **Overview**

All previously published policies remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

## Fee Schedule Updates

**Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010**, DSHS will incorporate the HCPCS code updates into the Hearing Aids and Services fee schedules. DSHS will also update coverage and prior authorization requirements. To view the updated Hearing Aids and Services fee schedule, effective January 1, 2010, visit DSHS/HRSA online at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS#H>.

**Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010**, do not use HCPCS codes or modifiers deleted in the “*Year 2010 HCPCS*” book.

## Cochlear Device Replacement Part Coverage

**Effective for dates of services on and after January 1, 2010**, DSHS will cover replacement parts for cochlear devices and bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) through the DSHS/HRSA Hearing Aids and Services Program *only*. DSHS payments will be made only to those vendors with a current core provider agreement that supply replacement parts for cochlear implants and BAHA.

DSHS will add the following coverage table to the current DSHS/HRSA *Hearing Aids and Services Program Billing Instructions*:

HCPCS Code	Description	Policy
L7510	Repair of prosthetic device, repair or replace minor parts for cochlear devices includes Ear hook; direct connect; charges, case; power cell charger; care adapter	PA
L8615	Headset or headpiece replacement	EPA/PA
L8616	microphone replacement	EPA/PA
L8617	Transmitting coil	EPA/PA
L8618	Transmitting cable	EPA/PA
L8619	Replace cochlear processor	PA
L8621	Zinc air batter, each	EPA/PA
L8622	Alkaline battery, any size, each	EPA/PA
L8623	Lithium ion battery for use with speech processor	EPA/PA
L8624	Lithium ion battery for use with speech processor; ear	EPA/PA
L8627	Cochlear implant, external speech processor, component replacement	PA
L8628	Cochlear implant, external controller component replacement	PA
L8629	Transmitting coil and cable, integrated, for use with cochlear implant device	PA
L8692	Auditory osseointegrated device, external sound processor, used without (BAHA)	PA

EPA: Expedited Prior Authorization  
PA: Prior Authorization required

## Update to Client Eligibility Programs

**Retroactive to dates of service on and after November 1, 2009, DSHS:**

- Revised coverage for adult noncitizens under the following three medical programs (WAC 388-438-0115, -0125, and -0120):
  - ✓ Federally funded Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) program;
  - ✓ State-funded Nursing Facility program; and
  - ✓ State-funded Alien Medical program.

Eligibility criteria for coverage and the services available are different for each medical program listed above. For more information, visit:

<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/News/aem.htm>.

- Requires General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U) clients in Washington State to enroll in managed care for purposes of medical benefits. DSHS published this new mandatory enrollment requirement in Numbered Memorandum 09-63. To view numbered memo 09-63, visit DSHS online at:  
<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Memos/2009Memos/09-63.pdf>. For more information, contact the Community Health Plan of Washington at [customercare@chpw.org](mailto:customercare@chpw.org) or call 1-800-440-1561.

## ProviderOne Registration

To continue to receive payment, providers must complete ProviderOne registration to prepare for ProviderOne implementation. Specific instructions and resources are available at

<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/providers.htm>.

## **How do I conduct business electronically with DSHS?**

You may conduct business electronically with DSHS by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## **How Can I Get DSHS/HRSA Provider Documents?**

To download and print DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).