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To: Outpatient Hospitals
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Subject: Outpatient Hospital Services: Fee Schedule Updates, Revenue Code Grid Changes, and Reminder to Complete Readiness Activities

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

- Incorporate the Year 2010 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) updates into the Outpatient Hospital and Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Fee Schedules;
- Implement coverage policy changes; and
- Implement revenue code grid changes.

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.

Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will incorporate the Year 2010 CPT and HCPCS code updates into the Outpatient Hospital and OPPS Fee Schedules.

DSHS generally follows Medicare policy. When DSHS policy differs from Medicare policy, the variance is identified in DSHS/HRSA regulations, numbered memos, and billing instructions, as appropriate. DSHS/HRSA fee schedules reflect DSHS's final determination regarding rates and coverage, in accordance with governing law. Changes implemented by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) may result in a change of coverage, payment method or prior authorization by DSHS.

Updates to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Outpatient Hospital Fee Schedule are now available online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/#O>

Note: Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association (AMA) regarding the use of CPT codes and descriptions, DSHS publishes only the official brief descriptions for all codes. Please refer to your current CPT book for full descriptions.

Bill DSHS your usual and customary charge.

Coverage Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will change the following procedure codes **from noncovered to covered**:

Prior Auth?	Procedure Code	Brief Description	Coverage Indicator	Max Units
PA	22856*	Cerv artific diskectomy	1	1
PA	22857*	Lumbar artif diskectomy	1	1
PA	22861*	Revise cerv artific disc	1	1
PA	22862*	Revise lumbar artif disc	1	1
PA	22865*	Remove lumb artif disc	1	1
	61640	Dilate IC Vasospasm, Int	1	1
	61641	Dilate IC Vasospasm Add-on	1	UR
	61642	Dilate IC Vasospasm Add-on	1	UR
	C9250	Artiss fibrin sealant	1	UR
	G0251	Cyberknife	1	1
PA	G9012*	Bariatric Surgery Case Management Fee*	1	1

*See *Physician-Related Billing Instructions* for related policy.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will change the following procedure codes **from covered to noncovered**:

Procedure Code	Brief Description
38205	Harvest allogenic stem cells
62290	Inject for spine disk x-ray
62291	Inject for spine disk x-ray
72285	X-ray c/t spine disk
72295	X-ray of lower spine disk
L7510**	Prosthetic device repair rep
L8615**	Coch implant headset replace
L8616**	Coch implant microphone repl
L8617**	Coch implant trans coil repl

Procedure Code	Brief Description
L8618**	Coch implant tran cable repl
L8619**	Replace cochlear processor
L8621**	Repl zinc air battery
L8622**	Repl alkaline battery
L8623**	Lith ion batt CID,non-earlvl
L8624**	Lith ion batt CID, ear level
L8691**	Aud osseo dev ext snd proces
L9900**	O&P supply/accessory/service

**See also cochlear implant replacement part policy in this memo.

Cochlear Implant Replacement Parts

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) under the DSHS/HRSA Hearing Aids and Services Program. DSHS will make payment only to those vendors with a current core provider agreement to supply replacement parts for cochlear implants and BAHA. Refer to the DSHS/HRSA [Hearing Aids and Services Billing Instructions](#) for details.

Authorization Changes

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will require prior authorization (PA) for the following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes:

Procedure Code	Brief Description
20974	Electrical bone stimulation
20975	Electrical bone stimulation
64590	Insrt/redo pn/gastr stimul
95980	IO Anal Gast N-Stim init
95981	IO Anal Gast N-Stim subsq
95982	IO GA N-Stim subsq w/reprog

*See *Physician-Related Services Billing Instructions* for details.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will no longer require PA for the following CPT codes:

Procedure Code	Brief Description
21077	Prepare Face/Oral Prosthesis
40806	Incision of Lip Fold

Bariatric Case Management Fee

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will authorize up to 34 units of bariatric case management as part of the Stage II bariatric surgery approval. One unit of procedure code G9012 = 15 minutes of service. Before seeking payment for services, providers must notify HRSA's Medical Request Coordinator (see the *Important Contacts* section of the [Outpatient Hospital Services Billing Instructions](#)) of the provider number and units of service that will be billed.

Revenue Code Table Update

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will update the revenue code table as follows:

REV CODE	DESCRIPTION	OP	OP PROC CODE REQ
027X	Medical/Surgical Supplies & Devices (see also 062X, an extension of 027X)		
5	Pacemaker	R	REQ
6	Intraocular Lens	R	REQ
8	Other Implant	R	REQ

Services Performed in DSHS-Approved Centers of Excellence (COE)

To view the DSHS Approved Centers of Excellence list for both Sleep Study and Transplant Centers of Excellence visit DSHS online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/HospitalPymt/>

DSHS's OPSS Budget Target Adjuster

Budget Target Adjuster (BTA) calculations have been revised to incorporate the use of an Outpatient Code Editor (OCE). The revision of the OCE that reflects CMS changes for 2010 should be available to DSHS shortly before January 1, 2010. DSHS anticipates that preliminary notices for the BTA, and hospital specific OPSS rates, will be sent on or around January 11. The final rates will become effective 15 days after that notice date.

Updated Billing Instructions

DSHS will update Section E of the *Outpatient Hospital Services Billing Instructions* with the new information found in this memo. The updated billing instructions may be downloaded and printed (see "How Can I Get DSHS/HRSA Provider Documents?" on the next page).

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:
 - ✓ 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 all counties of 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 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).