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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Audiologists
Speech-Language Pathologists
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Speech/Audiology Program: Fee Schedule and Coverage Table Updates

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

- Update the Speech and Audiology Program Fee Schedule using the year 2010 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code additions and deletions as discussed in this memo; and
- Update the coverage table in the current *Speech and Audiology Program Billing Instructions*.

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 Update

To view the updated *Speech and Audiology Program Fee Schedule*, effective January 1, 2010, visit DSHS/HRSA online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS#S>.

Coverage Table Update

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will remove the following procedure code effective January 1, 2010, from the Speech/Audiology fee schedule and current *Speech and Audiology Program* coverage table:

Deleted Procedure Codes	Brief Description
92569	Acoustic reflex decay test

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will add the following new procedure codes effective January 1, 2010, to the Speech/Audiology fee schedule and the current *Speech and Audiology Program* coverage table:

New Procedure Codes	MOD	Brief Description
92540		Basic vestibular evaluation
92540	26	Basic vestibular evaluation
92540	TC	Basic vestibular evaluation
92550		Tympanometry & reflex thresh
92570		Acoustic immittance testing

DSHS will update the coverage table in the *Speech and Audiology Program Billing Instructions*. You may view/download the *updated billing instructions* on the DSHS/HRSA web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).

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 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).