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# HEARING AID SCHOOL BASED SERVICES BULLETIN

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### EXPANDED SCHOOL BASED SERVICES

Effective with dates of service on or after August 1, 2010, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will expand the services included in the school based services program for public schools. This program expansion will allow for the school district to receive the federal match portion of the funds allocated for certain medical services. Only the services identified in the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and up to the amount and duration identified in the IEP will be considered reimbursable. For information on the services in the expansion, refer to the School Based Services Bulletin, Volume 33, Number 7 dated August 24, 2010.

### COVERED SERVICES

Hearing Aid services include medical ear examinations, audiological testing, and hearing aid related services. The hearing aid services must be of a level of complexity or the condition of the student must be of a nature that the services can only be performed by a qualified audiologist or hearing instrument specialist.

The hearing aid services identified in Attachment A are covered under the MO HealthNet Hearing Aid program for school districts when identified in the child's IEP.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The child receiving school based hearing aid services must be eligible for MO HealthNet coverage for each date a service is rendered for reimbursement to be made. The child must be under the age of 21 years. All services rendered to a child must be billed under the child's individual MO HealthNet identification number.

**MO HEALTHNET MANAGED CARE ENROLLEES**

Children enrolled in a MO HealthNet managed care health plan receive school based services that are identified in an IEP on a fee-for-service basis outside of the MO HealthNet managed care benefit package.

**PLAN OF CARE**

Services are considered school based when they are included in an IEP as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (34 CFR 300 and 301). In addition to the IEP, a plan of care must be developed and signed by the MO HealthNet enrolled hearing aid provider for a child receiving school based hearing aid services. Services must be provided as indicated in the IEP and plan of care. A child's plan of care must be evaluated at regular intervals.

The plan of care must specify:

- the diagnosis;
- the desired outcome;
- the nature of the treatment;
- the frequency of treatment (number of minutes per day/per week/per month); and
- the duration (weeks or months) of services.

The child or his/her family may not be charged for development of the plan of care. MO HealthNet does not reimburse the school district or hearing aid providers to participate in IEP meetings or when developing a plan of care for a child.

A provider-signed plan of care must be maintained at the facility where services are performed and must be made available for audit purposes at anytime. The MO HealthNet Division does not dictate a standardized plan of care.

**SCHOOL BASED HEARING AID PROVIDER PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

To participate in the MO HealthNet school based hearing aid services program, the billing provider of the services must be a recognized public school district in the State of Missouri. These services are billed by and reimbursement is made only to the school district. The arrangements made by the school district with the actual hearing aid providers are between the school district and the provider. An individual MO HealthNet enrolled hearing aid provider cannot bill directly for MO HealthNet school based hearing aid services.

The hearing aid services are limited to those performing providers who meet the licensing requirements for the hearing aid program as defined below:

- The audiologist or hearing instrument specialist must have a current permanent license to practice in accordance with the licensing provisions of the state in which he/she operates or practices. Temporary licenses are not acceptable.
- The audiologist or hearing instrument specialist must have a Title XIX Hearing Aid Participation Agreement in effect with the MO HealthNet Division before providing services for which MO HealthNet will be billed.
- If a provider's license is suspended or terminated by the State Licensing Agency, the MO HealthNet Division Participation Agreement will also be suspended or terminated effective the same date.

## **REIMBURSEMENT**

Reimbursement for school based hearing aid services is made on a fee-for-service basis. The MO HealthNet maximum allowable fee for a unit of service has been determined by the MO HealthNet Division to be a reasonable fee, consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. MO HealthNet payment for covered services is the lower of the provider's actual billed charge or the MO HealthNet maximum allowable amount. Services provided as documented in an IEP are reimbursed at the Federal Financial Participation Rate (FFP). The remainder of the allowed amount is the responsibility of the school district originating the IEP. The MO HealthNet maximum allowable fee for each code can be found on the Internet at <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/cptagree.htm>.

All services included in the school based hearing aid services program must be billed by the school district. The school district will be considered the billing provider. The hearing aid provider delivering the school based hearing aid service is considered the performing provider and must be enrolled with MO HealthNet. The school district must bill the actual cost of providing the service.

The school district and the hearing aid provider must maintain a copy of the official public school generated IEP and the plan of care in the child's record to document the service as an IEP service.

When billing hearing aid services that are identified in an official IEP, school districts are required to bill the current 5-digit procedure codes listed on Attachment A with a **TM** modifier.

## **PROVIDER ENROLLMENT**

Each school district interested in billing MO HealthNet for school based hearing aid services must enroll as a MO HealthNet provider. Each individual audiologist and/or hearing aid specialist provider who provides the hearing aid services for a school district **MUST** also individually enroll with MO HealthNet. For all enrollment information, go to <http://peu.momed.com/momed/presentation/commongui/PeHome.jsp>.

For those school districts currently enrolled for school based therapy services who wish to expand to include hearing aid services, you must contact Provider Enrollment to request the hearing aid service be added to the school district's enrollment file. This request can be e-mailed to [providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov](mailto:providerenrollment@dss.mo.gov) or mailed to the MO HealthNet Division, Attn: Provider Enrollment, PO Box 6500, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or faxed to 573-526-2054.

If the school district is not actively enrolled with MO HealthNet to provide school based therapy services, a provider application must be completed on-line at the MHD website, [www.dss.mo.gov/mhd](http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd), for any or all expanded services. Enrollment applications are not available on paper. Use the following instructions to complete the application:

- On the MHD website under Providers, select 'Provider Enrollment Application'. Follow the instructions carefully.
- After reading the first page, select 'Continue' at the bottom of the page. Select 'NEW Provider Enrollment Application' from the next page.
- All enrollment applications are available on-line. Choose the "School Based/School District Services" from the list and select 'Next'.
- Complete the application and follow the instructions for submitting.

Any individual hearing aid provider who does not wish to be published as available to all MO HealthNet participants can request to be excluded from the provider list by indicating their preference in the cover letter submitted with their enrollment application.

Information provided on the enrollment application must agree with the information on file with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. All applications are processed by date of receipt. The validation of the participation agreement depends upon the Division's acceptance of an application for enrollment.

### **NOTIFICATION OF PROVIDER CHANGES**

The Provider Enrollment Unit must be notified in writing of any changes in provider records. The notification must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the requested changes.

A provider must promptly notify the Provider Enrollment Unit when the following occurs:

- Change of provider address or "pay to" address, if different. Indication of change of address on a claim form is not sufficient.
- Change of school district name or telephone number.

### **ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION**

All services provided must be adequately documented in the medical record. The Code of State Regulations, 13 CSR 70-3.030, Section (2)(A) defines "adequate documentation" and "adequate medical records" at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/13csr/13c70-3.pdf>.

MO HealthNet providers must retain for five (5) years from the date of service, fiscal and medical records that coincide with and fully document services billed to MO HealthNet, and must furnish or make the records available for inspection or audit by the Department of Social Services or its representative upon request. Failure to furnish, reveal and retain adequate documentation for services billed to the MO HealthNet Division may result in recovery of the payments for those services not adequately documented and may result in sanctions to the provider's participation in the MO HealthNet Program. This policy continues to apply in the event of the provider's discontinuance as an actively participating MO HealthNet provider through change of ownership or any other circumstance.

### **PARTICIPANT NON-LIABILITY**

MO HealthNet covered services rendered to an eligible participant are not billable to the participant if MO HealthNet would have paid had the provider followed the proper policies and procedures for obtaining payment through the MO HealthNet Program as set forth in 13 CSR 70-4.030. For services documented in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), the state share is the responsibility of the school district originating the IEP and cannot be billed to the participant.

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline  
573-751-2896**

**Attachment A****SCHOOL BASED HEARING AID PROCEDURE CODES**

The following procedure code/modifier combinations are allowable codes for the school based hearing aid services program and must be utilized within the hearing aid provider's scope of practice and licensure limits.

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
92506TM	EVALUATION OF SPEECH LANGUAGE VOICE COMMUNICATION AUDITORY PROCESSING &/OR AURAL
92507TM	TREATMENT OF SPEECH LANGUAGE VOICE COMMUNICATION &/OR AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER(INCL AURAL REHAB)
92550TM	TYMPANOMETRY & REFLEX THRESH
92551TM	SCREENING TEST PURE TONE AIR ONLY
92552TM	PURE TONE AUDIOMETRY (THRESHOLD); AIR ONLY
92553TM	AIR AND BONE
92555TM	SPEECH AUDIOMETRY THRESHOLD
92556TM	SPEECH AUDIOMETRY THRESHOLD; WITH SPEECH RECOGNITION
92557TM	COMPREHENSIVE AUDIOMETRY THRESHOLD EVALUATION & SPEECH RECOGNITION (92553 AND 92556 COMBINED)
92562TM	LOUDNESS BALANCE TEST ALTERNATE BINAURAL OR MONAURAL
92563TM	TONE DECAY TEST
92564TM	SHORT INCREMENT SENSITIVITY INDEX (SISI)
92565TM	STENGER TEST PURE TONE
92567TM	TYMPANOMETRY (IMPEDANCE TESTING)
92568TM	ACOUSTIC REFLEX TESTING
92570TM	ACOUSTIC IMMITTANCE TESTING
92572TM	STAGGERED SPONDAIC WORD TEST
92577TM	STENGER TEST SPEECH
92579TM	VISUAL REINFORCEMENT AUDIOMETRY (VRA)
92582TM	CONDITIONING PLAY AUDIOMETRY
92583TM	SELECT PICTURE AUDIOMETRY
92584TM	ELECTROCOCHLEOGRAPHY
92585TM	AUDITORY EVOKED POTENTIALS FOR EVOKED RESPONSE AUDIOMETRY &/OR TESTING OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM
92586TM	AUDITORY EVOKED POTENTIALS FOR EVOKED RESPONSE AUDIOMETRY &/OR TESTING OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM
92587TM	EVOKED OTOACOUSTIC EMISSION;LIMITED (SINGLE STIMULUS LEVEL EITHER TRANSIENT OR DISTORTION PRODUCTS)
92588TM	EVOKED OTOACOUSTIC EMISSIONS; COMPREHENSIVE OR DX EVALUATION (COMPARISON OF TRANSIENT &/OR DISTORTION.....)
92620TM	EVALUATION OF CENTRAL AUDITORY FUNCTION WITH REPORT 1ST 60 MINUTES
92621TM	EVALUATION OF CENTRAL AUDITORY FUNCTION WITH REPORT EACH ADDITIONAL 15 MINUTES
92626TM	EVALUATION AUD REHAB STATUS
92627TM	EVALUATION AUD STATUS REHAB ADD-ON

92630TM	AUD REHAB PRE-LING HEAR LOSS
92633TM	AUD REHAB POSTLING HEAR LOSS
L7510TM	REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC DEVICE REPAIR OR REPLACE MINOR PARTS
S9152TM	SPEECH THERAPY RE-EVALUATION
V5011RTTM	FITTING/ORIENTATION/CHECKING OF HEARING AID
V5011LTTM	FITTING/ORIENTATION/CHECKING OF HEARING AID
V5014RTTM	REPAIR/MODIFICATION OF A HEARING AID (NO LONGER UNDER WARRANTY)
V5014LTTM	REPAIR/MODIFICATION OF A HEARING AID (NO LONGER UNDER WARRANTY)
V5030RTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; BODY WORN AIR CONDUCTION
V5030LTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; BODY WORN AIR CONDUCTION
V5040RTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; BODY WORN BONE CONDUCTION
V5040LTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; BODY WORN BONE CONDUCTION
V5050RTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; IN THE EAR
V5050LTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; IN THE EAR
V5060LTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; BEHIND THE EAR
V5060RTTM	HEARING AID MONAURAL; BEHIND THE EAR
V5090RTTM	DISPENSING FEE UNSPECIFIED HEARING AID
V5090LTTM	DISPENSING FEE UNSPECIFIED HEARING AID
V5100LTTM	HEARING AID BILATERAL BODY WORN
V5100RTTM	HEARING AID BILATERAL BODY WORN
V5110RTTM	DISPENSING FEE BILATERAL
V5110LTTM	DISPENSING FEE BILATERAL
V5120LTTM	BINAURAL BODY
V5120RTTM	BINAURAL BODY
V5130LTTM	BINAURAL; IN THE EAR
V5130RTTM	BINAURAL; IN THE EAR
V5140RTTM	BINAURAL; BEHIND THE EAR
V5140LTTM	BINAURAL; BEHIND THE EAR
V5160LTTM	DISPENSING FEE BINAURAL
V5160RTTM	DISPENSING FEE BINAURAL
V5170LTTM	HEARING AID CROS; IN THE EAR
V5170RTTM	HEARING AID CROS; IN THE EAR
V5180LTTM	HEARING AID CROS; BEHIND THE EAR
V5180RTTM	HEARING AID CROS; BEHIND THE EAR
V5200LTTM	DISPENSING FEE CROS
V5200RTTM	DISPENSING FEE CROS
V5210RTTM	HEARING AID BICROS; IN THE EAR
V5210LTTM	HEARING AID BICROS; IN THE EAR
V5220RTTM	HEARING AID BICROS; BEHIND THE EAR
V5220LTTM	HEARING AID BICROS; BEHIND THE EAR
V5240RTTM	DISPENSING FEE BICROS
V5240LTTM	DISPENSING FEE BICROS
V5241RTTM	DISPENSING FEE MONAURAL HEARING AID ANY TYPE
V5241LTTM	DISPENSING FEE MONAURAL HEARING AID ANY TYPE
V5242LTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG MONAURAL CIC (COMPLETELY IN THE EAR)
V5242RTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG MONAURAL CIC (COMPLETELY IN THE EAR)

V5243RTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG MONAURAL ITC (IN THE CANAL)
V5243LTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG MONAURAL ITC (IN THE CANAL)
V5244RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG MONAURAL CIC
V5244LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG MONAURAL CIC
V5245RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG MONAURAL ITC
V5245LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG MONAURAL ITC
V5246RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY ANALOG MONAURAL ITE (IN THE EAR)
V5246LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY ANALOG MONAURAL ITE (IN THE EAR)
V5247LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG MONAURAL BTE
V5247RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG MONAURAL BTE
V5248LTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG BINAURAL CIC
V5248RTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG BINAURAL CIC
V5249LTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG BINAURAL ITC
V5249RTTM	HEARING AID ANALOG BINAURAL ITC
V5250RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG BINAURAL CIC
V5250LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG BINAURAL CIC
V5251LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG BINAURAL ITC
V5251RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE ANALOG BINAURAL ITC
V5252RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE BINAURAL ITE
V5252LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE BINAURAL ITE
V5253RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE BINAURAL BTE
V5253LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE BINAURAL BTE
V5254LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL CIC
V5254RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL CIC
V5255RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL ITC
V5255LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL ITC
V5256RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL ITE
V5256LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL ITE
V5257LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL BTE
V5257RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL MONAURAL BTE
V5258RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BINAURAL CIC
V5258LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BINAURAL CIC
V5259RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BINAURAL ITC
V5259LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BINAURAL ITC
V5260LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BINAURAL ITE
V5260RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BINAURAL ITE
V5261RTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BTE
V5261LTTM	HEARING AID DIGITAL BTE
V5264RTTM	EAR MOLD/INSERT NOT DISPOSABLE ANY TYPE
V5264LTTM	EAR MOLD/INSERT NOT DISPOSABLE ANY TYPE
V5266TM	BATTERY FOR USE IN HEARING DEVICE
V5267TM	HEARING AID SUPPLIES/ACCESSORIES
V5275LTTM	EAR IMPRESSION EACH
V5275RTTM	EAR IMPRESSION EACH