



State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

MEDICAID ALERT

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TO: Hearing Aid Providers

SUBJECT: Clarification of Billing Procedures for Hearing Aid Batteries
(HCPCS Procedure Code Y4400)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services provides coverage of hearing aid batteries for Medicaid recipients when billed under HCPCS procedure code Y4400, "Battery for Hearing Aids (per battery)." Reimbursement for batteries is based on the lowest of the manufacturer's invoice cost plus 50%; list price minus 10%; or a provider's usual and customary charge. The number of batteries dispensed must be reported in field 24F on the 1500 NJ claim form.

ACTION: When submitting claims to the Medicaid program for batteries under HCPCS procedure code Y4400, hearing aid providers are required to attach a manufacturer's invoice or price list to the 1500 NJ claim form. Paramax/Unisys shall calculate the payment based on the methodology described.

If you have any questions regarding this Medicaid Alert, please contact the Chief Pharmaceutical Consultant, at (609) 588-2744.

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