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PROVIDER INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: Providers of Audiology Services

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SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO NEW BILLING CODES AND RATES FOR USE BY PROVIDERS OF AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

This is an addendum to the Provider Informational Notice dated March 31, 2008. Effective May 5, 2008, for children who have failed a hearing screening or who have a suspected hearing loss, Child and Family Connections (CFCs) offices will generate one authorization for audiological services. The authorization will not include procedure codes. It will simply state "Audiological Evaluation." All testing completed under this authorization must be completed on the same date of service and must be billed to the Early Intervention Central Billing Office (CBO) on the same claim. The code V5008 (hearing screening) has been added to the list of codes to be billed under the "Audiological Evaluation" authorization.

Audiologists should complete testing as follows:

- The audiologist will complete a hearing screening.
- If the child fails the hearing screening, the audiologist may proceed to complete additional testing to determine the range, nature, and degree of hearing loss and communication function. This will ensure that all testing can be completed on the same date of service so that families will not have to schedule multiple visits.
- The audiologist will bill the CBO for the hearing screening using the procedure code V5008 (hearing screening). When additional testing is needed to determine the range, nature, and degree of hearing loss and communication function, the audiologist will bill for the additional testing using the procedure codes identified below. **If you completed any of the tests identified below when completing the hearing screening (V5008), do not duplicate bill for that same test to determine range, nature and degree of hearing loss and communication function. As stated above, all testing must be completed on the same date of service must be billed on the same claim.**
- If due to unforeseen circumstances testing cannot be completed on the same date, the audiologist must obtain a new authorization prior to completing further testing.

Please note that EI does not pay for medical testing that requires anesthesia, sedation or medical monitoring. If these services are required, prior to scheduling such testing, refer the family back to the EI service coordinator who will explain this to the family. The family may be referred to DSCC for assistance with services that require medical testing.

For children who fail the hearing screening, the Audiologist is required to submit an evaluation report in the Early Intervention required report format to the child's service coordinator. The report must include the test(s) conducted and the results of the test(s) including the range,

nature and degree of hearing loss and communication functions and a percent of delay. **Based upon the range, nature and degree of hearing loss and communication function, the audiologist may determine percent of delay using clinical judgment.**

For children who require a "Hearing Aid Assessment" to determine the possible need for Hearing Aids, service coordinators will continue to generate authorizations using the procedure code V5010. This authorization will actually identify the procedure code V5010. You can only bill this code if you have an authorization that identifies this code.

<u>HCPCS/CPT Code</u>	<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Rate</u>
V5008	Hearing Screening	\$57.29
92551	Screen test, pure tone, air only	\$15.20
92552	Pure tone audiometry (threshold), air only	\$15.20
92553	Audiometry, air and bone	\$15.20
92555	Speech audiometry threshold	\$15.20
92556	Speech audiometry threshold; (with speech recognition)	\$15.20
92557	Comprehensive audiometry (includes 92553 and 92556)	\$37.40
92567	Tympanometry	\$15.20
92568	Acoustic reflex testing; threshold	\$13.70
92579	Visual reinforcement audiometry (VRA)	\$22.15
92582	Conditioning play audiometry	\$22.15
92583	Select picture audiometry	\$15.15
92585	Brainstem evoked response rec. (No anesthesia)	\$53.70
92587	Evoked otoacoustic emissions: limited (Single stimulus level, either transient or distortion products) (No anesthesia)	\$52.70
92588	Evoked otoacoustic emissions, comprehensive or diagnostic evaluation (Comparison of transient and/or distortion product otoacoustic emissions at multiple levels and frequencies)	\$61.00

Thank you for your continued participation as a provider of services for the Early Intervention Services System.