AUDIOLIGIST INFORMATION NOTICE

TO: Audiolists
    CFC Program Managers
    Service Coordinators

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SUBJECT: NEW PROCEDURE CODES FOR BILLING OF HEARING AID CHECKS

Effective May 2, 2011, four new procedure codes will be opened for use by Audiolists for hearing aid checks. Once a child’s hearing aid(s) have been dispensed, meaning that all follow up visits to provide instruction to the family and to measure, fit and adjust the hearing aid(s) to work most appropriately for the child, EI will pay for hearing aid checks every three months, or more frequently if the Audiologist provides a written justification of need to the child’s service coordinator. The justification does not have to be written on a particular form, but must be sent to the service coordinator to justify and request an authorization. The new procedure codes and rates include the following.

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- A Hearing Aid Check (EIHAC) authorization will be allowed for one occurrence only per authorization.
- No procedure codes will print on the authorization.
- EIHAC will print on the authorization instead of procedure codes.
- The audiologist will be allowed to bill up to two procedure codes on one authorization.
- The audiologist will choose either binaural or monaural codes to bill. **NOTE:** Do not bill two codes unless you completed two procedures.
- The audiologist may have an EIHAC authorization at a minimum of every three months. If it is identified that a child may need to have a hearing aid check prior to three months from the date of the previous check, the audiologist must submit a written justification of need to the child’s service coordinator to request an authorization. **NOTE:** EI will not pay for hearing aid checks more than one time per month. The audiologist is required to submit a written document to the service coordinator to justify receipt of an EIHAC authorization if a hearing aid check is needed prior to three months from the previous check.

If you have questions about this Information Notice please send them to Jennifer Kepner at Jennifer.Kepner@illinois.gov.