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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** CFC Program Managers &  
Service Coordinators

**FROM:** Janet D. Gully, Chief  
Bureau of Early Intervention

**DATE:** May 1, 2008

**SUBJECT: AUDIOLOGY AUTHORIZATIONS**

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A provider Informational Notice was released on March 31, 2008 to address new billing codes and rates for providers of audiology services and the new authorization service type of "Audiology Evaluation." An addendum to this notice, dated May 1, 2008, is attached, which will allow audiologists to complete screening and follow-up testing, when needed, on the same day. Please review this notice in detail.

On May 5, the use of the "Audiological Examination" authorization (with procedure code V5008) will be discontinued. For children who have failed a hearing screening or who have a suspected hearing loss, service coordinators should generate an authorization for an Audiological Evaluation with a frequency of one time for the authorization. The authorization does not list procedure codes. Audiologists will bill using the list of procedure codes noted in the attached notice. The code V5008 (hearing screening) has been moved under this new authorization service type.

The change in the authorization process will ensure that all testing can be completed on the same date of service unless unforeseen circumstances prevent all testing from being completed on the same date. If such circumstances arise, the audiologist must request a second Audiological Evaluation authorization prior to completing further testing. Please note that EI does not pay for medical testing that requires anesthesia, sedation or medical monitoring. The audiologists have been asked to refer families back to the service coordinators to explain that EI does not pay for this type of testing prior to scheduling such testing. When appropriate, families should be referred to DSCC for assistance with services that require medical testing.

Although you will not be generating new Audiological Examination authorizations after May 5, 2008, the CBO will honor previously awarded authorizations for this service type.

For children who require a "Hearing Aid Assessment" to determine the possible need for Hearing Aids, service coordinators should continue to generate authorizations using the procedure code V5010.

If you have questions about this memorandum please call Jennifer Kepner at 217/782-1981, ext. 5.

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