



Provider Notice #0050

Date: 10/3/05

Subject: HIPAA Billing Codes and Modifiers for Hearing Aids and Accessories/Services – Effective 11/1/05

In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), effective for dates of service on or after 11/1/05, the following changes for hearing aids and accessories are in effect.

1. Terminated Codes

- a. Local code Z3604 (Postage and Handling for repairs) is end-dated as of 10/31/05 and will not be replaced by a national code.
- b. Local code Z3606 (Hearing aid rental, any type, per day) is end-dated as of 10/31/05 and will not be replaced by a national code.

2. Modifiers

The following modifiers are no longer valid when billing for hearing aids effective 11/1/05:

- Y1 Rental, with sales tax
- Y6 Rental, without sales tax
- Y2 Purchase, repair, mileage, without sales tax
- Y7 Purchase, with sales tax

Claims for **all** hearing aid codes **must** be billed with the appropriate modifier listed below effective 11/1/05:

- NU Purchase
- RR Rental
- RP Repair/replacement

All hearing aids and accessories are taxable. Reimbursement for the purchase and rental of these items must include the payment of sales tax. Replacement parts necessary to repair a hearing aid are taxable; labor performed during the repair is **NOT** taxable.

3. HCPCS Code V5014

HCPCS Code V5014 (repair/modification of a hearing aid) **must** be billed with modifier –RP (repair/replacement).