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TO: ALL PROVIDERS OF HEARING AIDS PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAID PROGRAM

FROM: CAROLYN INGRAM, DIRECTOR, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR HEARING AIDS AND HEARING AID DISPENSING FEES

Effective for dates of service May 1, 2007, the amounts allowed by the New Mexico Medicaid Program for hearing aids and hearing aid dispensing fees will increase.

The maximum amount allowed for hearing aids will be raised from \$400 to \$1400, not to exceed the actual invoice cost of the aid. For binaural aids the maximum amount will be \$2800.

The dispensing fee for a hearing aid will also increase from \$239 to \$300. The dispensing fee for a binaural aid will increase to \$600.

Prior authorization is still required for the hearing aid and the cost of the aid must be included on the authorization request. The aid must meet the standards for medical necessity.

By increasing the maximum amount allowed for a hearing aid, a Medicaid recipient will have better access to the type of hearing aid most appropriate for the recipient's need.

Should you have any questions, please contact Joanie Roybal at the Medical Assistance Division, at (505) 827-6227.

We appreciate your participation in the Medical Assistance Programs.