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TO: ALL HEARING AID SERVICE PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEARING AIDS

Effective July 1, 2004, reimbursement for hearing aids will not exceed \$400.00. The provider's billed charge for the aid must be at the invoice cost of the manufacturer, the distributor, or the wholesaler.

All Medicaid providers shall determine the most appropriate type and model of hearing aid to meet the recipients' needs within the \$400.00 cost limitation. If the aid exceeds \$400.00, the provider cannot bill the difference to the client. A Medicaid recipient who chooses a hearing aid type or model that exceeds the reimbursement amount will be responsible for the purchase.

Please review your billing process to assure that claims are submitted according to Medicaid policy. For specific questions, please call Rose Armijo, Benefits Bureau at (505) 827-3189. Also, please refer to policy 8.324.6 NMAC at <http://www.state.nm.us/hsd/mad/Index.html>. Thank you very much.