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Chapter 3@ Health Care Services

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Article 7@ Payment for Services and Supplies

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Section 51517@ Hearing Aids

## 51517 Hearing Aids

### (a)

Reimbursement for hearing aids, hearing aid supplies and accessories, molds or inserts and repairs using the list of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes billable to the Medi-Cal program, shall be the usual charges made to the general public not to exceed the maximum reimbursement rates published in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14105.49.

### (b)

The following conditions shall apply to the reimbursement for hearing aids, hearing aid supplies and accessories, molds or inserts and repairs under this section. (1) All hearing aids shall be guaranteed for at least one year exclusive of ear piece, cord and batteries. The guarantee shall cover the repair or replacement of any or all defective parts and labor on a new aid. Out of guarantee repairs shall have a minimum guarantee for at least six months. (2) Hearing aid maximum allowances listed in this section are for new instruments and include up to six post-sale visits for training, adjustments and fitting, an initial standard package of batteries, a cord, receiver, and such other components normally required for use of the instrument. (3) Dealer charges for repairs, subsequent to the guarantee period, may be reimbursed. Repair facility reports shall be available for review upon request. (4) Retail sales tax is reimbursable in addition to the allowances listed in

subsection (c). Taxes shall be itemized separately. (5) Hearing aid provider billings shall include the provider's usual and customary charges for services provided.

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Hearing aid provider billings shall include the provider's usual and customary charges for services provided.

**(c)**

The maximum reimbursement rates for hearing aids, hearing aid supplies and accessories, molds or inserts and repairs shall not exceed the lesser of the following: (1) Hearing Aids (A) All Monaural hearing aids (one ear only) 1. The maximum allowable amount established by the Department. 2. The one-unit

wholesale cost, plus a markup determined by the Department. 3. The billed amount. 4. The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation. (B) All Binaural hearing aids (for both ears) 1. The maximum allowable amount established by the Department. 2. The one-unit wholesale cost, plus a markup determined by the Department. 3. The billed amount. 4. The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation. (C) CROS/BICROS 1. The maximum allowable amount established by the Department. 2. The one-unit wholesale cost, plus a markup determined by the Department. 3. The billed amount. 4. The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation. (2) Hearing Aid Supplies and Accessories (A) The retail price. (B) The wholesale cost, plus a markup determined by the Department. (C) The billed amount. (D) The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation. (3) Molds or Inserts (A) The maximum amount allowable established by the Department. (B) The billed amount. (C) The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation. (4) Repairs The maximum reimbursement for repairs, subsequent to the guarantee period, shall not exceed the lesser of the following: (A) The invoice cost, plus a markup determined by the Department. (B) The billed amount. (C) The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation.

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The retail price.

**(B)**

The wholesale cost, plus a markup determined by the Department.

**(C)**

The billed amount.

**(D)**

The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation.

**(3)**

Molds or Inserts (A) The maximum amount allowable established by the Department.

(B) The billed amount. (C) The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation.

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The billed amount.

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Repairs The maximum reimbursement for repairs, subsequent to the guarantee period, shall not exceed the lesser of the following: (A) The invoice cost, plus a markup determined by the Department. (B) The billed amount. (C) The rate established by the Department's contracting program to the extent it is in operation.

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The billed amount.

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