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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Alliance Providers**  
**From: Ann Kern, Provider Services Network Manager**  
**Date: March 27, 2013**  
**Subject: Hearing Aid Benefit - No Change**

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The state Medi-Cal program recently reduced benefit coverage for hearing aids by implementing an annual cap of \$1,510 per year per member. The **Central California Alliance for Health (the Alliance) will not be implementing this change. The existing hearing aid benefit will remain unchanged.**

The Alliance covers hearing aids when supplied by a hearing aid dispenser on the prescription of an otolaryngologist, or the attending physician when no otolaryngologist is available in the community. An audiological evaluation, including a hearing aid evaluation performed by, or under the supervision of, the above prescribing physician, or by a licensed audiologist, is required. Prior authorization is required for the purchase or rental trial period of hearing aids and for repairs that cost more than \$25 per repair service.

The following CPT/HCPCS codes related to hearing aids will not be capped annually:  
V5014;V5264;V5265V5030;V5040;V5050;V5060;V5070;V5080;V5298;V5120;V5130;V5140;  
V5150;V5298;V5170;V5180;V5190;V5210;V5220;V5230;V5267.

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Services Representative at 1-831-430-5504 or 1-800-700-3874, ext. 5504.