Hearing Aids: Billing Example

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The example in this section is to assist providers in billing for hearing aids on the *CMS-1500* claim form. Refer to the *Hearing Aids* section of this manual for detailed policy information. Refer to the *CMS-1500 Completion* section of this manual for instructions to complete claim fields not explained in the following example. For additional claim preparation information, refer to the *Forms: Legibility and Completion Standards* section of this manual.

Billing Tips

When completing claims, do not enter the decimal points in ICD-10-CM codes or dollar amounts. If requested information does not fit neatly in the *Additional Claim Information* field (Box 19) of the claim, type it on an 8½ x 11-inch sheet of paper and attach it to the claim.

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Purchase of a Hearing Aid

Figure 1: Purchase of a hearing aid.

This is a sample only. Please adapt to your billing situation. Sample attachments are not illustrated in this example.

In this example, a hearing aid dispenser is billing for a monaural hearing aid. HCPCS code V5050 (hearing aid, monaural, in the ear) is entered in the *Procedures, Services or Supplies* field (Box 24D). Modifier NU is entered to indicate a purchase.

The referring physician's name is entered in the *Name of Referring Provider or Other Source* field (Box 17) and NPI number in Box 17B because a prescription from an otolaryngologist or the attending physician is required.

For information that must be entered in the *Additional Claim Information* field (Box 19), or on an attachment, refer to the *Hearing Aids* section.

In this example, an ICD-10-CM code is entered in the *Diagnosis or Nature of Illness or Injury* field (Box 21). Because this claim is submitted with a diagnosis code, an ICD indicator is required between the dotted lines in the *ICD Ind.* area of Box 21. An indicator is required only when an ICD-10-CM/PCS code is entered on the claim.

The usual and customary charges are entered in the *Charges* field (Box 24F).

Because authorization is required for the purchase of hearing aids, the *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) number is entered in the *Prior Authorization Number* field (Box 23). Refer to the *CMS-1500 Completion* section of this manual for additional information to complete field 23.

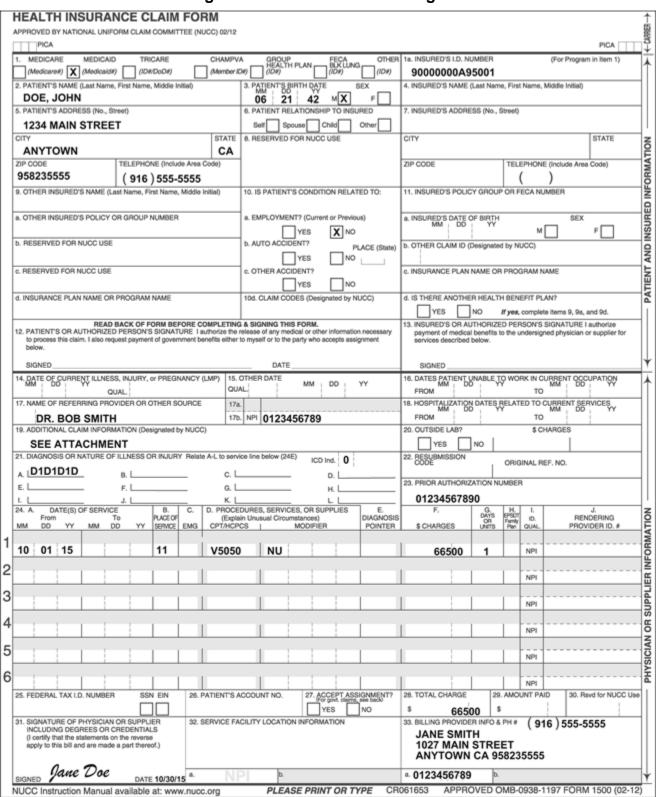
The date that the hearing aid was ordered is entered in the *Date(s)* of *Service* field (Box 24A).

The total charge (Box 28) should include local sales tax. Medi-Cal limits the total cost of hearing aid benefit services, including sales tax, to \$1,510 per recipient per fiscal year (Welfare and Institutions Code [W&I Code], Section 14131.05).

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