

VRIS UPDATE

Medicaid Rates Chapter Effective July 20, 2010 Number 280

SUMMARY OF UPDATES

The new Medicaid rates effective July 1, 2010 are now available and should be used for services provided July 1, 2010 and after. Services provided prior to July 1, 2010 would go by the July 1, 2009 rates.

Major changes to the chapter for 2010 include the following:

1. There is now a lower allowable cost for Physicians Services, which are provided in a Hospital setting. This is because they have no equipment costs:
 - A. Use the "Facility Rate" for any service provided by a physician at the Hospital.
 - B. Use the "Non-Facility Rate" for any service provided by a physician at their clinic.
2. Medicaid will not pay Shipping and Handling for any goods. This includes the Providers Shipping and Handling cost burden for hearing aids, hearing aid supply items, lenses, or eyewear supply items, and any Durable Medical Supply items.
3. The maximum rate for hearing aids went up from \$695.93 per individual aid.
4. A definition for "Not Covered" was added to clarify that it does not mean VR will not pay; Not Covered means that it requires our prior review and an exception to Rule 72.

VRIS POSTING

The revised [Medicaid Authorization and Payment Procedures](#) chapter has been posted on VRIS under the Program Manual / Operations / QUEST Financial

FORMS REVISED

None

QUEST UPDATE

None

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Associates should follow the correct fee schedule for the time period the service is provided.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Office Directors and Associates should discuss with their team.

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