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## MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Hospital Transmittal No. 260

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To: Hospital Administrators

From: Jill Spector, Director *Jill Spector*  
Office of Health Services  
HealthChoice and Acute Care Administration

Re: Billing for Cochlear Implant and Auditory Osseointegrated Device Surgeries

**Note: Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.**

Effective July 1, 2018, HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCOs) and the Maryland Medical Assistance Fee-for-Service program (FFS) will cover medically necessary audiology services, hearing aids, cochlear implants, and auditory osseointegrated devices to participants regardless of age.

Coverage details including the new benefit package, fee schedule, and preauthorization requirements for audiology services are posted on the Department's website at:  
<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/pages/provider-information.aspx>.

The audiologist or audiology center ordering the service is required to submit a preauthorization to Telligen through Qualitrac for any services being completed by the hospital. Hospitals must ensure that a preauthorization was submitted and approved by Telligen prior to performing a surgery for a cochlear implant or an auditory osseointegrated device. In addition, for participants who require an overnight hospital stay, the hospital must request a preauthorization for the elective inpatient admission. If either preauthorization is not obtained, the Department may recoup funds reimbursed to the hospital for these procedures.

Hospitals must bill for the cochlear implant or auditory osseointegrated device surgery on an outpatient UB04. When billing for these services, hospitals should use revenue codes in the 047x series to indicate that the services are audiology related.

### 047x Audiology

- 0 – General Classification
- 1 – Diagnostic
- 2 – Treatment
- 9 – Other Audiology (written description required)

The associated HCPCS code should also be noted on the UB04 in Form Locator 44. Use L8614 to indicate the cochlear implant device and L8690 to indicate the auditory osseointegrated device.

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