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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal

Policy Transmittal: 16-15

Applicable to:

- Long-term Care Provider Service Network
- Comprehensive Long-term Care (LTC) Plan
- Managed Medical Assistance Health Maintenance Organization
- Managed Medical Assistance Provider Service Network
- Managed Medical Assistance Specialty Plan
- Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan

Applicable to enrollees in:

- Managed Medical Assistance (MMA)
- Long-term Care (LTC)

Re: Reimbursement of Cochlear Implant Devices

Managed care plans must comply with provisions of the Medicaid Hearing Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook. In any instance when compliance with this handbook conflicts with the terms of this contract, the contract prevails. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section V.A.1.a.(15)(b) ¹) The managed care plan must provide medically-necessary cochlear implant devices. (Attachment II, Exhibit II-A, Section V.A.1.a.(15)(a) ²) The purpose of this policy transmittal is to clarify policy on reimbursement of cochlear implant devices. The managed care plan may directly reimburse the manufacturer of the cochlear implant device or the facility performing the service for the cochlear implant device.

If you have any questions, please contact your Agency contract manager at (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,

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¹ The citation for the CMS plan contract is Attachment I, Section V.A.3.a.(15)(b).

² The citation for the CMS plan contract is Attachment I, Section V.A.3.a.(15)(a).

