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Dear Medicaid Hearing Provider:

Florida, like most states, has had to make difficult Medicaid coverage decisions in order to operate within available resources. These decisions have had an impact on the adult hearing services program.

As a result of budget reductions, Medicaid must eliminate the adult hearing services program effective July 1, 2003. Therefore, Medicaid benefits are now available only to people under age 21 and are limited to medically necessary hearing services consisting of hearing evaluations, dispensing fees, hearing aid devices, hearing aid repairs, cochlear implant devices and repairs.

Hearing services provided after June 30, 2003, for recipients age 21 and above will not be reimbursed.

I appreciate the services that you provide to Florida's Medicaid recipients.

Sincerely,

Bob Sharpe  
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid



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