This Rider amends the HMO Subscriber Contract to provide coverage for Hearing Aids.

The Section entitled **Services and Benefits** is amended by adding the following:

**Hearing Aids**

“*Hearing Aid*” means an electronic device worn on the person for the purpose of amplifying sound and assisting the physiologic process of hearing.

Covered Services for Hearing Aids include the following:

1. One standard, conventional hearing aid (as defined by HAP) per ear, when Medically Necessary and provided by an Affiliated Provider.
2. Hearing tests for fitting and post-performance evaluation of a Hearing Aid are covered when provided by an audiologist who is an Affiliated Provider.
3. Replacement of Hearing Aids is covered when:
   i. Necessitated by irreparable damage not due to misuse, intentional or unintentional.
   ii. The cost of the repairs would exceed the purchase price.
   iii. Due to a change in size or condition of the patient that an adjustment to the current device cannot accommodate (including increased hearing loss) as determined by HAP’s benefit, referral and practice policies.

The Section entitled **Exclusions and Limitations** is amended by deleting (h)(5) from Medical Devices and Equipment and replacing it with the following:

(5) Hearing Aids ordered prior to coverage under this Rider, even if delivered after coverage under this Rider is effective.
(6) Replacement and repair of a Hearing Aid resulting from misuse, whether intentional or unintentional.
(7) Batteries and other supplies and accessories used for Hearing Aids.
(8) The additional cost of an eyeglass type Hearing Aid over the conventional Hearing Aid cost.
(9) Lost or stolen equipment.
(10) Disposable Hearing Aids.
(11) Hearing Aids and related services provided by a non-Affiliated Provider.
(12) Tinnitus maskers.

The Section entitled **Exclusions and Limitations** is amended by deleting the exclusion regarding hearing aids.

Until further notice, all terms, limitations, exclusions, and conditions of the HMO Subscriber Contract remain unchanged except as provided in this Rider.