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Hearing Aid and Cochlear Implant Batteries: Instructions for Billing

[Numbered Letter 11-0807](#) informed counties of the inclusion of the EPSDT-SS battery code, Z5822, in the SCG 04. Batteries have also been added to the SCG 05 for the cochlear implant centers. Although [Numbered Letter 12-1007](#) indicated the conversion to L8621 and L8622 for cochlear implant batteries, those codes have not yet been implemented in the system. Batteries for both hearing aids and cochlear implants, using Z5822-NU, can be provided on an annual basis with the limits of 96 cells for each hearing aid and 900 for the cochlear implant.

When claiming reimbursement for Z5822 hearing aid batteries, the individual battery is the unit. On the CMS1500 Claim Form in Section 24 G (Days or Units), the units should be the number of batteries dispensed, not the number of packages. The number of units on the claim form should not exceed 99 per line; additional lines will be necessary for claiming batteries of 100 or more.