

## Oregon Health Plan Prioritized List Changes Management of Recurrent Acute Otitis Media in Children

The Health Evidence Review Commission approved the following changes to the Prioritized List of Health Services on August 8, 2013, based on the approved coverage guidance, “Management of Recurrent Acute Otitis Media in Children.” The changes will take effect for the Oregon Health Plan on October 1, 2013.

**New guideline note:**

### **GUIDELINE NOTE: TYMPANOSTOMY TUBES IN ACUTE OTITIS MEDIA**

*Line 418*

Tympanostomy tubes (CPT 69436) are only included on this line as treatment for

1. recurrent acute otitis media (three or more well-documented and separate episodes in the past 12 months with at least one episode in the past six months) in patients who have unilateral or bilateral middle ear effusion at the time of assessment for tube candidacy, or
2. patients with complicating conditions (immunocompromised host, meningitis by lumbar puncture, acute mastoiditis, sigmoid sinus/jugular vein thrombosis by CT/MRI/MRA, cranial nerve paralysis, sudden onset dizziness/vertigo, need for middle ear culture, labyrinthitis, or brain abscess).

Patients with craniofacial anomalies, Down’s syndrome, cleft palate, permanent hearing loss of 25dB or greater independent of otitis media with effusion, and patients with speech and language delay may be considered for tympanostomy if unresponsive to appropriate medical treatment or having recurring infections (without needing to meet the strict “recurrent” definition above).