

Cochlear Implantation

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All requests must be reviewed by the Medical Director. The information submitted for review for prior authorization must include documentation of the appropriate assessments and evaluations for determining suitability for a cochlear implant. The following information is required for review:

- The member's implantation specialist (otolaryngologist or otologist) must submit a written request.
- The member's current history and physical examination, including information regarding previous therapy for the hearing impairment
- Records documenting the member's diagnosis, current medical status and plan of treatment leading to the recommendation of implantation.
- Current psychosocial evaluation and assessment for determining the member's suitability for implant.

In addition, the member can qualify for the implant if at least 12 months or older if the device is one of the following FDA approved devices:

C40+ Cochlear Implant System (MED-EL Corporation)

HiResolution™ Bionic Ear System (Advanced Bionics Corporation)

Nuclear CI24 Contour Cochlear Implant System (Cochlear Corporation)

References: See attached "Up To Date" for literature review.
AHCCCS AMPM, Chapter 300, Policy 320
AHCCCS AMPM, Chapter 800, Policy 820: Cochlear Implantation
AHCCCS AMPM, Chapter 400, Policy 430
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