



CLINICAL CRITERIA FOR UM DECISIONS Implantable Hearing Devices

Capital Health Plan provides coverage for Osseointegrated Implantable Hearing Devices in accordance with Medicare guidelines.

Osseointegrated devices are implanted in the skull that replace the function of the middle ear and provide mechanical energy to the cochlea via a mechanical transducer. These devices are coverable under the Medicare's Prosthetic benefit when criteria are met:

Hearing aids must be medically inappropriate, or cannot be used due to:

- Congenital malformations;
- Chronic disease;
- Severe sensorineural hearing loss; OR
- Surgery

Medical Necessity Approvals to be made by:

- Medical Director
- Physician Reviewer
- Utilization Management Nurse
- Nurse Reviewer
- Authorized CCD staff when UM criteria are met

These criteria apply to the following products when determined to be included in the member's benefit package:

- Medicare

Reference:

CMS website (cms.gov): No NCD or LCD found

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/ContractorLearningResources/downloads/JA5717.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4038.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R39BP.pdf>

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Capital Health Plan reserves the right to make changes to these criteria at any time to accommodate changes in medical necessity and industry standards.