

Title: Cochlear Implantation 50.3

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that the evidence is sufficient to cover Cochlear Implantation for beneficiaries with amplification test scores of less than or equal to 60% correct in the best-aided listening condition on recorded tests of open-set sentence recognition for the treatment of certain moderate-to-profound hearing loss in individuals who demonstrate limited benefit from amplification.

What this means: Medicare benefits now include Cochlear Implantation services if required components for Cochlear Implantation are met. Requirements are outlined in the National Coverage Determination (see the link below).

Effective: September 26, 2022

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You can find the announcement at <u>NCD - Cochlear Implantation (50.3)</u> (cms.gov).

UCare's MSHO (HMO D-SNP) is a health plan that contracts with both Medicare and the Minnesota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) program to provide benefits of both programs to enrollees. Enrollment in UCare's MSHO depends on contract renewal.

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