

# September 20, 2024 Meeting Materials

## Health Technology Clinical Committee

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Cochlear implants

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- ▶ As of 2013, there was likely no data comparing bilateral to unilateral for less than 12 months, as FDA approval was for >12 months
- ▶ Age minimum does not affect unilateral implants (unilateral out of scope)
  - ▶ Though 12 months was the Medicaid age limitation at the time
- ▶ Concern was expressed about the accuracy of hearing measures in very young children (<12 months)

# Options

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- ▶ Remove age restriction bullet as an HTCC administrative update
- ▶ Re-review the topic
- ▶ Retire the policy

# HTCC Coverage Determination

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- ▶ Bilateral Cochlear Implants are a covered benefit with conditions consistent with the criteria identified in the reimbursement determination.
- ▶ HTCC Reimbursement Determination:
  - ▶ Limitations of Coverage
    - ▶ ~~Age 12 months or older;~~
    - ▶ Bilateral severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss;
    - ▶ Limited or no benefit from hearing aids;
    - ▶ Cognitive ability and willingness to participate in an extensive auditory rehabilitation program;
    - ▶ Freedom from middle ear infection, an accessible cochlear lumen that is structurally suited to implantation, and freedom from lesions in the auditory nerve and acoustic areas of the central nervous system;
    - ▶ No other contraindications for surgery; and
    - ▶ Device used in accordance with the FDA approved labeling.
- ▶ Non-Covered Indicators
  - ▶ N/A

# Medicaid utilization data

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- ▶ Average of <15 procedures/year, at a cost <\$5,000/year (2017-2022)
  - ▶ CPT codes: 92601-92604
  - ▶ Age: 0-1