

Cochlear Implants Benefits to Change Effective November 1, 2018 for the CSHCN Services Program

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Effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2018, cochlear implants benefit and policy language will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Service Program.

Cochlear Device

Cochlear device procedure codes L8614 may be reimbursed with the following:

Procedure Code	Type of Service	Place of Service	Added Provider Types	Provider Types No Longer Reimbursed
L8614	Other Medical Items or Services	Office	Physician, Clinic, and Audiologist providers	Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Supply, and Hospital providers
		Home	Home Health DME, DME Medical Supply, and Custom DME providers	DME, Medical Supply, and Hospital providers
		Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital providers	N/A	All
	New DME Purchase	Office	Physician, Clinic, and Audiologist providers	N/A
		Home	Home Health DME, DME Medical Supply, and Custom DME providers	N/A
		Outpatient Hospital	N/A	All

Replaceable Batteries and Battery Charger Unit

Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries require prior authorization and are limited to two batteries per calendar year and may be reimbursed using the following procedure codes:

Procedure Codes

L8621	L8622	L8623	L8624
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Replacement batteries for the cochlear device (procedure codes L8621, L8622, L8623, and L8624) are limited to clients with a previously billed cochlear implant procedure, device, or supply.

Replacement batteries beyond the limit of two batteries per calendar year require prior authorization and may be considered with documentation that supports the need for additional batteries.

The battery charger unit for the lithium-ion battery procedure code L7368 is limited to one replacement per five rolling years with prior authorization. Procedure code L7368 may be reimbursed when billed with battery procedure codes L8623 or L8624 within the previous five rolling years.

Benefit changes for replacement lithium-ion battery procedure code L7368 will require prior authorization and may be reimbursed to clients who are one year of age and older. Procedure code L7368 will no longer be payable to prosthetist and orthotist providers in the home setting. Zinc air battery procedure code L8621 will be limited to 15 batteries per month, any provider.

Alkaline battery procedure code L8622 will be limited to 31 batteries per month, any provider.

The following procedure codes may be reimbursed to clients who are one year of age or older:

Procedure Codes	Type of Service
L8614	Other Medical Items or Services, New DME Purchase
L7368 L8615 L8616 L8617 L8618 L8619 L8621 L8622 L8623 L8624	Other Medical Items or Services

Auditory Rehabilitation

Auditory rehabilitation is limited to 1 evaluation and 12 visits per 180 days without prior authorization.

Auditory rehabilitation services beyond the limit of 12 visits per 180 days require prior authorization and will be considered with documentation supporting the medical necessity for continued services.

Procedure code S2235 will no longer be diagnosis-restricted.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.