



Health & Human Services

COCHLEAR/BAHA REPLACEMENT PARTS
Service Authorization Required: Yes

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MANUAL

COVERAGE AND LIMITATION CRITERIA AND POLICIES

EFFECTIVE: JULY 1ST 2014

REVISED: December 2025

Cochlear Implants and Auditory Osseointegrated Implants (BAHA) Replacement Parts/Repair

REPLACEMENT PARTS ONLY

ND Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of Cochlear/BAHA implants or procedures under the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program.

Indications and limitations of coverage and medical appropriateness:

Coverage of cochlear/BAHA replacement parts is considered if:

- The device is in continuous use and still meets the needs of the member.
- A certified audiologist has established a plan of care and substantiates the need for the repairs.
- Repairs are necessary to allow the device to be functional.
- The device being repaired is FDA-approved and meets all Medicaid standards of coverage.
- For replacement of a speech processor, it must be out of the three-year warranty and irreparable.

Documentation Requirements:

- Replacement and repair of a sound processor requires prior authorization.
- Documentation substantiating the need for the requested replacement part/repair, along with its brand name and model number. The processor must be used for at least 12 months before the unit is considered for replacement.
- The service authorization request must include evidence of the purchase date and that the requested items are out of warranty. A copy of the warranty is required.
- Labor invoice stating what item needs replacement/repair. If repair units are requested, the request must specify the number of units required per HCPC. A manufacturer's invoice is required if the item must be repaired off-site.



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Non-covered:

- Reimbursements for manufacturer's upgrades will not be made. An upgrade of a speech processor to achieve aesthetic improvement, such as smaller-profile components, technological advances in hardware, or convenience, is not considered medically necessary and will not be approved.
- V5241 as this dispensing fee is specific to hearing aids.

Replacement:

The list of covered replacement codes can be reviewed on the [Procedure Code Look-Up Tool](#).



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Date Revised

Revision

April 2017

Policy clarification related to replacement parts and repairs for listed HCPC codes and allowable. Added documentation requirements and non-covered items.

January 1, 2018

Revised HCPC codes L8624, L7368, L8627, L8628, L8619, L8617, L8618 allowable.

November 27, 2019

Deleted from paragraph 1:
FOR INITIAL APPROVAL FOR COCHLEAR/BAHA:
ND Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of the implant device through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program. The cost of the device is covered by the usual reimbursement methodology for either inpatient or outpatient hospital services and must be billed by the hospital. ND Medicaid does not cover additional benefits for the device if the surgical procedure is performed in any other outpatient setting.
Please view ND Medicaid's Policy for Revenue code 278 - Supply/Other Implants at:
<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/docs/rev-code-278-policy.pdf>.
Service authorization of the surgery and device must be received by the Medical Services department prior to the procedure taking place using Medical Procedure/Device Prior Authorization Request Form – SFN 511 at:
<http://www.nd.gov/eforms/>
This form must be completed in its entirety and all applicable documentation must be attached and reviewed by Medical Services.
Added to paragraph 1: ND Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of the implant device or procedure for Cochlear/BAHA through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program.
Deleted L9900 and replaced with E1399.
Added CPT code 92700 with allowable for BAHA programming.
Added to Non-Covered section – V5241 as this dispensing fee is specific to hearing aids.
Updated logo with new logo.



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March 7, 2023

Reviewed and added new department logo.

Deleted in:

1. Non-covered section: or a switch from a body-worn, external sound processor to a behind-the-ear (BTE) model.
2. All replacement HCPC codes table with Purchase Limits and Restriction policy link

(E1399) - Orthotic and prosthetic supply, accessory, and/or service component of another L Code. (Specifically cochlear implant accessories such as ear hooks, ear bands, harnesses, and magnets.)	Allowable units based on review
(L8691) - Auditory Osseointegrated device, external sound processor, replacement	Allows 1 replacement every 5 years
(L8692) - Auditory Osseointegrated device, external sound processor, used without osseo integration, body worn, includes headband or other means of attachment	Allows 1 replacement every 5 years
(L8621) - Zinc battery replacement - Cochlear implant device	Allows 33 batteries per month
(L8622) - Alkaline battery, replacement, any size - Cochlear implant device	Allows 33 batteries per month
(L8623) - Lithium-ion battery, replacement cochlear implant device speech processor, ear level	Allows 1 battery every 2 years
(L8624) - Lithium-ion battery, replacement, cochlear implant device speech processor, ear	Allows 4 replacements per year



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	(L7368) - Battery recharger unit for lithium-ion rechargeable batteries	Allows 1 replacement every 2 years
	(L8627) - Cochlear implant, external speech processor, component replacement	Allows 1 replacement every 3 years
	(L8628) - Cochlear implant, external controller component, replacement	Allows 1 replacement every 2 years
	(L8619) - Cochlear implant, external speech processor and controller, integrated system, replacement	Allows 1 replacement every 3 years
	(L8616) - Microphone for use with cochlear implant device, replacement	Allows 1 replacement per year
	(L8617) - Transmitting coil for use with cochlear implant device, replacement	Allows 1 replacement every 6 months
	(L8618) - Transmitter cable for use with cochlear implant device, replacement	Allows 1 replacement every 6 months
	(L8629) - Transmitting coil and cable, integrated, replacement, cochlear implant device	Allows 4 replacements per 6 months
	(L7520) - Repair prosthetic device, labor component, per 15 minutes	Allowable units is based on review
	(92700) – Unlisted otorhinolaryngological procedure	Allows 2 requests per device per year

November 28, 2023

Reviewed and reformatted. Added new logo

December 17, 2025

Reviewed and reformatted. Add the Procedure Code Look-Up Tool link