

Step-By-Step Guide

# Medicare and Hearing Implants



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We know the insurance approval process can be overwhelming, so we have provided some information to guide you through the process of obtaining Medicare coverage for hearing implant solutions. The good news is that, unlike hearing aids, hearing implants are typically covered by Medicare and so are the hearing evaluations.\*

### **What you do:**

- 1** Have your hearing evaluated by a Hearing Implant Specialist to find out if you are a candidate. We can help you find a Hearing Implant Specialist in your area by visiting [www.Cochlear.com/US/Clinic](http://www.Cochlear.com/US/Clinic).
- 2** After completing your hearing evaluation, your Hearing Implant Specialist will compare your results with the Medicare coverage criteria to determine your eligibility for coverage under Medicare.
- 3** After confirming your Medicare coverage, the clinic will schedule your next appointment to get a hearing implant solution.

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**“The insurance, it was a gift from heaven. Medicare and my insurance, it was easy. There was no negotiating. I didn’t have to fight anybody, so that process was minor.”**

Tom K. – Kanso® recipient

## What your Hearing Implant Specialist does:

- 1 They will collect your Medicare information.
- 2 Your hearing health professional will verify your benefits and confirm your eligibility for coverage of a hearing implant under your Medicare plan.
- 3 They will work with your Medicare plan to obtain authorization for coverage if it is required under your plan.

## Cochlear Insurance Support

Our Insurance Support Team can help you obtain necessary insurance approval. If you have insurance questions or need assistance with obtaining insurance approval call 1 800 633 4667 (*option 4*).

For more information about Medicare coverage, visit:  
[www.Cochlear.com/US/Insurance](http://www.Cochlear.com/US/Insurance)



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As the global leader in implantable hearing solutions, Cochlear is dedicated to bringing the gift of sound to people with moderate to profound hearing loss. We have helped over 450,000 people of all ages live full and active lives by reconnecting them with family, friends and community.

We aim to give our recipients the best lifelong hearing experience and access to innovative future technologies. For our professional partners, we offer the industry's largest clinical, research and support networks.

That's why more people choose Cochlear than any other hearing implant company.

\*Covered for Medicare beneficiaries who meet CMS criteria for coverage.

You should talk to your physician to see if you are a candidate for cochlear implantation, hybrid implantation, or a Cochlear Baha System, and to understand the associated risks and benefits, and CDC recommendations for vaccination. Implantation with a hybrid Implant, cochlear implant or Baha System is a surgical procedure, and carries with it the risks typical for surgery, and outcomes cannot be guaranteed. For additional information please refer to the applicable package insert available at [www.Cochlear.com/US/NucleusIndications](http://www.Cochlear.com/US/NucleusIndications) or [www.Cochlear.com/US/BahaIndications](http://www.Cochlear.com/US/BahaIndications)

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Views expressed by Cochlear recipients are those of the individual. Consult your hearing health provider to determine if you are a candidate for Cochlear technology. Outcomes and results may vary.

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