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Cochlear Implants Coverage

Effective with dates of service on and after March 1, 2006, cochlear implants, devices, accessories, repairs, and batteries are a covered service for KAN Be Healthy (KBH) eligible beneficiaries. These services are no longer restricted to one provider. Cochlear device implantation (69930) is allowed without prior authorization. The implant (69930 – cochlear implantation) and the original device (L8614 – device/system) must be billed on the same claim form, or the claim will deny.

All providers must request and receive prior authorization (PA) from KMAP before cochlear services are provided out of state. Diagnostic analysis of cochlear implants may be a covered service for KBH eligible beneficiaries.

Use of the left (LT) or right (RT) modifiers is **required** on all claims for cochlear implantation, original device, headset/headpiece, microphone, transmitting coil, transmitting cable, replacement processors, accessories, and repairs, regardless of the provider. Headset/headpiece, microphone, and transmitting coils may be replaced once per year for KBH eligible beneficiaries.

Cochlear external speech processor replacements are allowed no more than one time every four years with PA for KBH eligible beneficiaries. Cochlear external speech processor replacements will only be allowed if the current processor is malfunctioning out of warranty and cannot be repaired. Replacements for upgrades only will not be allowed. Replacements for lost cochlear external speech processors will be allowed one time during the four-year period for KBH eligible beneficiaries.

Lithium ion batteries for cochlear implant devices (L8623 and L8624) are allowed for KBH eligible beneficiaries at three per month. Zinc air batteries (L8621) and alkaline batteries (L8622) for cochlear implant devices are allowed for KBH eligible beneficiaries at six per month. Only one type of battery is allowed every 30 days.

Information about the Kansas Medical Assistance Program as well as provider manuals and other publications are on the KMAP Web site at <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us>.

For a hard copy of the revised manual pages, send a request to Publications Coordinator, 3600 SW Topeka Blvd, Suite 204, Topeka, KS 66611 or send an e-mail to publications@ksxix.hcg.eds.com. Specify the bulletin by number, provider type and date, and include your mailing address with a specified individual or office if possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the KMAP Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-6593 (in-state providers) or 785-274-5990 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.