

Vertigo, Tinnitus, and Meniere’s Diagnosis Treatment Devices

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Member specific benefits take precedence over medical policy. Coverage varies across plans. Coverage varies across plans. Refer to the individual’s benefit plan for coverage details.*

Purpose:

This policy addresses Vertigo, Tinnitus, and Meniere’s Diagnosis Treatment Devices.

Description & Definitions:

Acoustic Assistive Devices are devices that are used to treat/manage vertigo, tinnitus and Meniere’s diagnosis.

The dizzyFix device trains individuals to perform the Epley maneuver, repositioning procedure used to treat BPPV (Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo)

The Neuromonics Tinnitus Device is a device that emits music and other tones which filter tinnitus.

The Meniett device delivers low-pressure pulses to the middle ear causing displacement of inner ear fluids.

Criteria:

Vertigo, Tinnitus, and Meniere’s Diagnosis Treatment Devices **do not meet the definition of medical necessity**, to include but not limited to:

- DizzyFix device
- Meniett device
- Neuromonics Tinnitus Device

Coding:

Medically necessary with criteria:

Coding	Description
	None

Considered Not Medically Necessary:

Coding	Description
E1399	Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous
E2120	Pulse generator system for tympanic treatment of inner ear endolymphatic fluid

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Special Notes: *

This medical policy express Sentara Health Plan's determination of medically necessity of services, and they are based upon a review of currently available clinical information. These policies are used when no specific guidelines for coverage are provided by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Medical Policies may be superseded by National or Local Coverage Determination (Medicare) guidelines. Medical policies are not a substitute for clinical judgment or for any prior authorization requirements of the health plan. These policies are not an explanation of benefits.

Medical policies can be highly technical and complex and are provided here for informational purposes. These medical policies are intended for use by health care professionals. The medical policies do not constitute medical advice or medical care. Treating health care professionals are solely responsible for diagnosis, treatment and medical advice. Sentara Health Plan members should discuss the information in the medical policies with their treating health care professionals. Medical technology is constantly evolving and these medical policies are subject to change without notice, although Sentara Health Plan will notify providers as required in advance of changes that could have a negative impact on benefits.

The term DME is defined as equipment which, according to 42 CFR §414.202:

- Can withstand repeated use; i.e., could normally be rented and used by successive patients;
- Effective with respect to items classified as DME after January 1, 2012, has an expected life of at least 3 years;
- Is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;

- Generally, is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and,
- Is appropriate for use in a patient's home.

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?NCDId=190>

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SHP Acoustic Assistive Devices, Durable Medical Equipment 225, Meniett Device, Meniere's Disease, Neuromonics Tinnitus Device, DizzyFix, Auditory impedance tester, tympanometer, Positive Pressure Therapy (PPT)