

Vestibular Implants

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Member-specific benefits take precedence over medical policy and benefits may vary across plans. Refer to the individual's benefit plan for details*.

Purpose:

This policy addresses the medical necessity for Vestibular Implants.

Description & Definitions:

Vestibular Implants are small devices implanted into the innermost ear consisting of motion sensors fixed to the head and attached to a processor and stimulator for electrical signals to be transmitted to the brain via electrodes.

Criteria:

Vestibular Implants are considered **not medically necessary** for any indication.

Coding:

Medically necessary with criteria:

Coding	Description
	None

Considered Not Medically Necessary:

Coding	Description
0725T	Vestibular device implantation, unilateral
0726T	Removal of implanted vestibular device, unilateral
0727T	Removal and replacement of implanted vestibular device, unilateral
0728T	Diagnostic analysis of vestibular implant, unilateral; with initial programming
0729T	Diagnostic analysis of vestibular implant, unilateral; with subsequent programming

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Special Notes: *

This medical policy expresses Sentara Health Plan's determination of medical necessity of services, and they are based upon a review of currently available clinical information. 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.

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