

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 of 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: *

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.

Services mean both medical and behavioral health (mental health) services and supplies unless We specifically tell You otherwise. We do not cover any services that are not listed in the Covered Services section unless required to be covered under state or federal laws and regulations. We do not cover any services that are not Medically Necessary. We sometimes give examples of specific services that are not covered but that does not mean that other similar services are covered. Some services are covered only if We authorize them. When We say You or Your We mean You and any of Your family members covered under the Plan. Call Member Services if You have questions.

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