

Date: 12/12/06

Account: Account
Contact: Contact
Reference #: 9999999
Patient: Name
Subscriber #: 999999999

History: This 13 year old male has a diagnosis of bilateral sensorineural hearing loss and has been wearing a left cochlear implant for four years. The provider has recommended an upgrade of the cochlear implant speech processor to the new Freedom Speech Processor at this time.

Case Management Intervention: This referral was received on 11/22/06 to review the medical necessity of this upgrade. The initial referral included a letter that indicated the recommendation for this upgrade to “all patients treated at this clinic.” Research was conducted regarding the medical necessity of the upgrade. Communication was established with the provider, and clinical documentation was requested. The clinic was in process of obtaining a signed release from the patient’s mother to allow them to provide the medical records. The records were received and reviewed on 12/6/06. As the need for this upgrade based on medical necessity was questionable, arrangements were made to have the case reviewed by a physician consultant.

Case Management Recommendations:

- According to the physician consultant, “The upgrade from the Esprit 3G processor to a new Freedom Speech processor is not medically necessary”. Further “It is not necessarily the case that this will offer clinically significant benefits to the patient. In fact, in the March of 2006 cochlear re-evaluation the patient has already improved his intelligible speech and diminished his use of sign language. Therefore, there is no way of determining whether a research or investigational improvement with the new Freedom Speech processor would be any significant advantage at this time”.
- The provider and patient have not been advised of the outcome of this review.
- This file will be closed as no further services are indicated.

Thank you for this referral. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Case Manager RN, BSN

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Cost Savings Report

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Event: Hearing loss (consult)
Date Range: 11/22/06 - 12/12/06

Category	Amount	Type	Details
Direct	\$ 6,000.00	Conserved services	Savings on upgrade on speech processor for cochlear implant (per HCPCS average payment on L8619).
Direct	\$ 500.00	Conserved services	Physician fee for upgrade on speech processor.
Direct Savings:			\$ 6,500.00
Direct Expenses(-):			\$ 0.00
Total direct savings for this period:			\$ 6,500.00
Total direct savings for this event to date:			\$ 6,500.00
Indirect Savings:			\$ 0.00
Total indirect savings for this event to date:			\$ 0.00