



Cochlear Implant Program

A Cochlear implant is a surgically implanted device that assists an individual with severe or profound hearing loss to hear sounds. The Division of Rehabilitation Services, through the Department of Human Services, administers the Cochlear Implant Program. This program is designed to provide financial assistance to an eligible individual who is uninsured or to help offset the deductible or coinsurance for an individual with an insurance plan that covers cochlear implants.

Eligibility

- ◇ Must be less than 21 years of age
- ◇ Resident of South Dakota
- ◇ Have severe to profound hearing loss as diagnosed by an audiologist
- ◇ Medically recommended for a cochlear implant by a cochlear implant surgeon
- ◇ No income eligibility requirement

Covered Services

- ◆ Cost of implant surgery for one or both ears
- ◆ Cost of implant device(s)
- ◆ Surgeon, hospital, and anesthesiologist fees
- ◆ Initial mapping
- ◆ Follow-up mappings for 1 year following surgery up to a maximum of 12
- ◆ Processor upgrades (separate application)

**DHS funding is applied after individual's health insurance payments*



How to Apply

Submit a Cochlear Implant Application Form and Certification of Hearing Impairment Form to the DHS Program Manager

Application materials can be found at

<https://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices/deafservices.aspx#Cochlear>

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