

Medicaid Managed Care and Family Health Plus Coverage of Hearing Aid and Cochlear Implant Device Batteries

The Medicaid program has recently reclassified certain types of batteries from the DME Services category to the Hearing Services category. This change in classification has not affected coverage of these batteries by Medicaid managed care and Family Health Plus (FHPlus) plans. The current classification of hearing aid and cochlear implant device batteries, including managed care coverage status, is detailed below:

The following battery types are classified as Hearing Services and continue to be covered by Medicaid managed care and FHPlus plans:

- L8622 Alkaline battery for use with cochlear implant device
- L8623 Lithium ion battery for use with cochlear implant device speech processor, other than ear level
- L8624 Lithium ion battery for use with cochlear implant device speech processor, ear level

The following battery types continue to be carved out of the Medicaid managed care benefit package (as Medical/Surgical Supplies) and the FHPlus benefit package (as part of the Pharmacy benefit):

- L8621 Zinc air battery for use with cochlear implant device
- V5266 Battery for use in hearing device (any type)

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