

COCHLEAR IMPLANT (CI)

All Classes
(Updated 11/29/2023)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. If the CI was placed in an adult to improve speech discrimination and sound localization (usually seen in older adults)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Single Sided Deafness (SSD)</p> <p>Note: Pilots with a CI should fly with a spare processor and extra batteries.</p>	<p>If the AME can determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The individual can pass the hearing requirements with the CI turned OFF (i.e., SSD which passes hearing with the other ear); and No symptoms or current problems that would interfere with flight duties: <p>(If unable to pass hearing tests with CI turned off, go to Row B.)</p>	<p>ISSUE</p> <p>Annotate this information in Block 60 AND List the age the CI was placed and reason. Specify if they passed the hearing test with the CI turned on or off.</p> <p>This does NOT require a hearing limitation or MFT.</p>
<p>B. Implant was placed for hearing loss as a child/teen</p> <p>Note: Pilots with a CI should fly with a spare processor and extra batteries.</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the treating Ear, Nose, & Throat (ENT) or audiologist no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. It must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detailed summary of the history of the condition; Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any); Physical exam findings; Results of any testing performed; Diagnosis; Assessment and plan (prognosis); Prognosis; and follow-up. The Clinical Progress Note must specifically include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason for the implant; Date of implant; How the individual functions with the device; Ability to hear in noisy environment; and Word discrimination Audiogram performed no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. 	<p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance.</p> <p>Even if they pass the hearing test in the AME office.</p> <p>Annotate elements or findings in Block 60.</p>

Note: If pilot is unable to pass MFT or known to be deaf, see [Item 49. Hearing](#).