Cochlear Implant Continuum of Care

Preoperative CI Hearing (Audiology) Assessment
- Comprehensive hearing and rehabilitation history
- Comprehensive diagnostic audiological evaluation
- Optimization of hearing aids (Hearing aid trial as indicated)
- Aided speech perception evaluation
- Counseling
  - CI candidacy or continuation with amplification
  - Expectations

Consideration of Bilateral Cochlear Implantation
- As appropriate for children and adults

Preoperative Medical Assessment
- Comprehensive hearing and medical history
- Physical ENT examination & additional examinations as indicated
- Radiological assessment
- Meningitis immunization & others as indicated
- Counseling & team discussion
- Review of surgical procedures and potential risks
- Expectations

Surgery
- Including implant device

Postoperative Medical Appointments
- Postoperative check prior to initial activation
- Annual follow-up appointments
- Additional medical follow-up as needed

Postoperative Audiological Appointments
- Initial activation (2-4 weeks post-surgery or earlier if indicated)
- One-month, three-month, six-month and twelve-month follow-up
- Annual follow-up appointments

(Re)Habilitation
- As determined by implant team for children and adults

Device Maintenance
- Replacement and upgrades of processor and peripherals
- Batteries (covered by Medicaid, Medicare. May not be covered by private insurance)