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Cochlear Implant Replacement Parts and Batteries Updated Instructions

[California Children's Services Numbered Letter 12-1007](#) delineated policy regarding issuing authorizations for cochlear implant replacement parts and batteries to cochlear implant manufacturers who are Medi-Cal Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers. In the implementation of this policy, these codes - L8621 (Zinc air batteries), L8622 (Alkaline batteries) and L9900 (miscellaneous parts) - were not included. This Computes Information Bulletin #250 provided instructions to accept and hold requests for these codes beginning the policy date of October 1, 2007.

Production of L9900, L8621, and L8622 was completed Friday, December 19, 2008. Service Authorization Requests may now be issued retroactive to October 1, 2007. The CCS Numbered Letter 12-1007 further outlines the instructions for authorizing cochlear implant replacement parts and batteries, and all codes are now implemented in CMSnet.