Chronic Otitis Media/Tympanostomy Tubes

Children's Special Health Parent's Sheet

Description

Tympanostomy tubes (commonly known as Pressure Equalization "PE tubes") are small tubes that are inserted through the eardrum to treat persistent middle ear effusion (fluid behind the eardrum) or serous otitis media (middle ear infection) in children. The tube equalizes the pressure on both sides of the eardrum, permitting drainage.. The most common reason for performing this surgery is when a child has had fluid build-up behind the eardrum for 4 months or longer, plus has hearing loss or other risk for developmental problems. If there is a compelling reason, some children may be candidates for ear tube surgery regardless of how long the fluid has been present or their hearing ability. Placement criteria: chronic middle ear effusion, unresponsive to acute or prophylactic antibiotic therapy; cleft palate or similar craniofacial abnormality; chronic Eustachian tube dysfunction, unresponsive to therapy; persistent middle ear effusion or dysfunction due to Down's Syndrome, Cystic Fibrosis or other genetic condition, and other cases may be considered on an individual basis

What services will CSH cover?

- Only **providers** listed on the Eligibility Letter will be paid
- Labs/Tests must be performed by a Wyoming Medicaid provider
- Well Child Checks (coverage limited to Pediatrician) according to AAP Periodicity Schedule
- Medications
 - None
- Equipment/Supplies
 - None

Contact CSH for questions regarding additional medication and/or equipment/supplies

Minimum requirements for coverage to continue with CSH:

- Compliance of medical care and care coordination
- Annual review with Public Health Nurse, financial eligibility
- Please keep your Public Health Nurse informed of any changes throughout the year for example: address, provider, diagnosis and/or insurance coverage
- Keep in contact with the local Public Health Office for additional requirements





