



Keeping Your Heart Covered

Insurance guidance for young people with congenital heart disease

Handout 5: Compassionate Allowances for CHD

Compassionate Allowances

- This is a Social Security Administration (SSA) Program.
 - It has a list of conditions that may qualify for Quick Review
 - A Quick Review speeds up the decision wait times for SSA benefits such as SSDI and SSI

Decision Wait Times



Quick Review = weeks to months



Regular Review = months to years

Conditions on the Compassionate Allowances List



Single Ventricle Conditions

There are conditions on this list grouped together as "Single Ventricle."



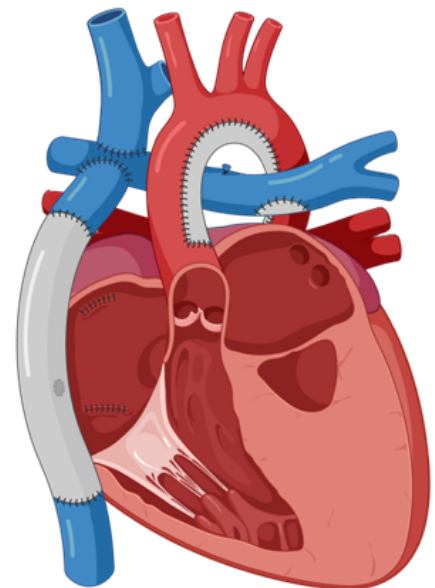
Other Named Conditions:

- Aortic atresia
- Mitral valve atresia
- Pulmonary atresia
- Tricuspid atresia
- Hypoplastic left heart syndrome
- Fontan procedure



More Conditions

- Eisenmenger syndrome
- Neonatal Marfan syndrome
- Patients on the heart transplant wait list



Unsure About Your Condition?



Ask your provider about it at your next appointment or send a message via MyChart.



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Is Your Condition not on the Compassionate Allowances List?
It Could Still be Considered for Quick Review.



Still apply if your condition is not part of the Compassionate Allowances List.

The following conditions may stay be considered for Quick Review:



Complex or Critical CHD with:

- low oxygen levels,
- exercise limits, or
- repeated hospitalizations



Heart conditions limiting:

- work,
- school attendance, or
- activities of daily living



When Applying for a Compassionate Allowance, be sure to:

1. Write the condition name clearly
2. Provide the relevant medical records

Types of Medical Records to Send



- Clinical notes from congenital heart specialists (cardiologists, surgeons, intensive care doctors)
- Echocardiogram and catheterization reports
- Oxygen levels and exercise testing
- Hospitalizations, arrhythmias, or transplant evaluation notes



Helpful Resources from our Community Partners:

- Congenital Heart Disease Association: achaheart.org
- Conquering Congenital Heart Disease: conqueringchd.org