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Sruthitharangam

Sruthitharangam gives free cochlear implant surgery and follow-up services to Kerala children with severe hearing loss. It is run by the State Health Agency through empanelled hospitals.

What you may get

Free cochlear implant surgery for children with severe hearing loss, along with auditory verbal therapy, maintenance of the external implant parts and one speech processor upgrade up to age 25. Treatment is given at hospitals empanelled under the scheme.

Who it is for

Kerala children with severe hearing impairment, usually below 3 years of age, whose family is not excluded by the rules below.

Main conditions

- The child has severe hearing loss and is a resident of Kerala. Surgery is normally given to children below 3 years.
- Children aged 3 to 5 years can get surgery with special approval of the scheme's technical committee. Children whose severe hearing loss came after they began to speak can be approved up to 12 years, and those with hearing loss from meningitis at any age.
- Dependants of central or state government employees and income tax payers are not covered.
- Applications are decided by the state level technical committee set up by the Health Department.

How to apply

1. Contact one of the hospitals empanelled under Sruthitharangam, such as the Government Medical College hospitals at Thiruvananthapuram, Kottayam and Kozhikode.
2. The empanelled hospital submits the application for the surgery, device maintenance or processor upgrade to the scheme.
3. The technical committee examines the application and the hospital is informed of the decision.
4. For questions, call the State Health Agency, Thiruvananthapuram, on 0471 4063121.

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