**CMS APPROVES BONE ANCHORED DEVICES FOR COVERAGE**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule that codifies the Medicare policy guidance when a device is not subject to the hearing aid exclusion.

The rule finalizes that certain auditory implants, including cochlear implants, brain stem implants, and osseointegrated (bone-anchored) implants, do not meet the definition of hearing aids that are excluded from coverage.

The final rule was published in the November 6, 2014 at page 66242, in the *Federal Register* and can be downloaded <http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/CMS_FinalRule_hearingaidcoverage_exclusion.pdf>