**Sample—Cochlear Implant Candidacy Guidelines**

**Adult audiometric candidacy ranges:** Moderate-to-profound SNHL in both ears

Speech recognition criteria*

Limited benefit from amplification defined as preoperative test scores of:

- < 50% sentences in ear to be implanted
- < 60% bilaterally (best aided condition)

**Pediatric audiometric candidacy ranges:** 2–17 yrs. — severe-to-profound SNHL in both ears; 12–24 mos. — profound SNHL in both ears

Speech recognition criteria*

- **2–17 years:** Limited benefit from binaural amplification trial with MLNT/LNT scores < 30%
- **12–24 months:** Limited benefit from binaural amplification trial

**Hybrid implant system candidacy:** Adult use only

Speech recognition criteria*

Implanted Ear: Aided word score between 10% and 60%; Normal-to-moderate SNHL in the low frequencies and PTA of 2k, 3k, 4k, > 75 dB HL

Opposite Ear: No better than 80% word score and PTA of 2k, 3k, 4k, > 60 dB