



Barbara Kelley, USA From the US and then Summing up.....

- Barbara Kelley is executive director of the Hearing Loss Association of America.
- She is on the steering group of the Cochlear Implant International Community of Action and was the U.S. co-chair of the Consumer and Professional Advocacy Committee supporting the Delphi Cochlear Consensus Process.

Our challenges and priorities in the USA?

We have a number of funding sources for CI in the USA:

- Medicare, Medicaid, Private Health Insurance, TRICARE (military, active and retired) US Department of Veteran's Affairs and other federal health plans.....
- More than 90% of private employer health insurance plans and managed care organizations now provide coverage benefits for the cost of cochlear implant surgery and related services.

But:

We still have challenges of raising awareness, increasing access and improving CI services

After the last CIICA LIVE event:

“I think CIICA has a very promising future and a great job ahead of it. It is a meeting point for everyone to take advantage of the experiences carried out in other countries and generate a great collective conscience.”

Joan Zamora, AICE, Spain

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