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Wigs — MEDICAID/EPO Direct Pay (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum)

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Definition

Wigs are considered to be a DME prosthetic appliance used to cover baldness.

Guideline

1. Medicaid/FHP members are eligible for coverage of wigs if the hair loss is secondary to any of the following conditions:
    - Burns with resulting permanent alopecia.
    - Chemotherapy.
    - Congenital baldness.
    - Infections resulting in hair loss that are unresponsive to treatment.
    - Lupus.
    - Radiation therapy.
    - Traumatic injury.
    - Medical conditions that result in alopecia or alopecia totalis not listed above.
2. Medicaid/FHP members are eligible for coverage of wig replacement if the wig becomes unusable or is lost.

The Plan will review all replacement requests on a case-by-case basis if the reason for the request is not cited above; however, the replacement will be denied if the rationale for the request falls within the Limitations/Exclusions section below.

There is no limitation on the number of *replacement wigs* that may be purchased *during the period of coverage*. However, it would be difficult to justify the need for more than one wig at a time.

Limitations/Exclusions

1. The member's treating physician must prescribe the wig.
2. The Plan's reimbursement amount is the invoice cost to the provider plus 50%; if the price of the wig exceeds $400, the provider would be required to explore a less costly alternative or the ordering physician would have to provide medical documentation substantiating that the wig was the only one available to fulfill the medical need.
3. The Plan does not cover the initial purchase and/or replacement of a wig, as applicable, in the case of any of the following, as they are not the result of a medical disorder:
    - Damage incurred to the wig as a result of color dying.
    - Damage incurred to the wig as a result of a permanent treatment application.
    - Female pattern baldness.
    - Male pattern baldness.
    - Natural or premature aging.

Applicable Procedure Codes

A9282	Wig, any type, each

Applicable ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes

B35.0	Tinea barbae and tinea capitis
L93.0	Discoid lupus erythematosus
L93.1	Subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus
L93.2	Other local lupus erythematosus
M32.0	Drug-induced systemic lupus erythematosus
M32.10	Systemic lupus erythematosus, organ or system involvement unspecified
M32.19	Other organ or system involvement in systemic lupus erythematosus
M32.8	Other forms of systemic lupus erythematosus
M32.9	Systemic lupus erythematosus, unspecified
Q84.0	Congenital alopecia
Q84.1	Congenital morphological disturbances of hair, not elsewhere classified
Q84.2	Other congenital malformations of hair
T20.00xA	Burn of unspecified degree of head, face, and neck, unspecified site, initial encounter
T20.05xA	Burn of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T20.10xA	Burn of first degree of head, face, and neck, unspecified site, initial encounter
T20.15xA	Burn of first degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T20.25xA	Burn of second degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T20.35xA	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T20.40xA	Corrosion of unspecified degree of head, face, and neck, unspecified site, initial encounter
T20.45xA	Corrosion of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T20.50xA	Corrosion of first degree of head, face, and neck, unspecified site, initial encounter
T20.55xA	Corrosion of first degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter

T20.65xA	Corrosion of second degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T20.75xA	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter
T45.0X5A	Adverse effect of antiallergic and antiemetic drugs, initial encounter
T45.0X5S	Adverse effect of antiallergic and antiemetic drugs, sequela
T45.1X5A	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs, initial encounter
T45.1X5S	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs, sequela
Z92.21	Personal history of antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z92.3	Personal history of irradiation