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This list is not exhaustive and may be changed without notice. EnableNSW will make the final decision regarding the provision of equipment that is not specifically included or excluded in the guidelines. Eligible prescribers are not required to register with or be approved by EnableNSW. Prescribers, registered through AHPRA, may request equipment for eligible residents of NSW, regardless of the location of the clinical service.

FUNDING CRITERIA	Provision of equipment for management of continence when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate to severe incontinence or bladder or bowel dysfunction Equipment needs are greater than would be covered by Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS) funding. Annual allocations of products apply.	
NSW Government Contract 250: Continence and Sexual Health Products	EnableNSW is required to purchase products from the NSW Government Contract 250. Non-contract products are only provided when a contract product does not meet the person's clinical need. See appendix below for funding criteria for non-contract products as additional clinical information is required. Please refer to the Quick Reference Guide (QRG) for contract product names and codes, available from www.enable@health.nsw.gov.au	
Products available on NSW Government Contract 250 <small>One type of product is provided in each category</small>	Standard Annual Allocation *	Prescriber Criteria & Request Process
Urinary Incontinence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pads/Pullups/Nappies > 200mls capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposable Washable pads/pullups/pant systems Sheaths/condom drainage 	810 18 270	Eligible Prescribers Group 1: Registered Nurse who have undertaken a relevant continence course; OR training within their clinical service to prescribe continence products. <i>Doctors and allied health professionals may submit an Equipment Request Form (ERF) in exceptional circumstances in which an eligible prescriber is unavailable. Please call to discuss with an EnableNSW advisor before submitting a request.</i>
Faecal Incontinence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pads/Pullups/Nappies > 200mls capacity 	810	

<p>Urinary and faecal Incontinence</p> <p>Pads/Pullups/Nappies > 200mls capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable • Washable pads/pullups/pant systems 	<p>1080</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Request Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EnableNSW application form should be completed every two years. • Refer to the QRG Contract 250 for Contract product details. • Provide the product name and manufacturer code on Continence ERF. • People can change sizes of pads/pullups/nappies based on growth and weight changes. • An ERF from a prescriber, is required for product changes. • People should allow ten business days for delivery of their products when placing an order. • People will need to re-apply if they do not place an order within two years. <p>NB Standard Allocations take into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person's eligibility for CAPS. • The actual number of products, which may vary due to packaging. • Persons who are financial Band 3, who will be funded for 80% of their annual allocation.
<p>Bladder dysfunction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard intermittent catheters per urethra (refer to QRG) • Indwelling/suprapubic catheters • Reusable catheters sets 	<p>600</p> <p>9</p> <p>3 sets (9 catheters)</p>	
<p>Drainage Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable leg bags OR Reusable/extended care leg bags <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable overnight bags OR Reusable drainage bottles OR Single use drainage bags without tap <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage tubes • Catheter valves • Catheter/thigh straps OR Adhesive Catheter Stabilisation Devices 	<p>36 disposable OR 2 reusable</p> <p>36 disposable OR 2 reusable OR 270 single use drainage bags</p> <p>6</p> <p>4</p> <p>4 standard/ 2 deluxe</p> <p>1 box</p>	

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APPENDIX		
Non-standard Equipment OR Non-standard Allocation	Allocation	Additional criteria or documentation required for request process
<p>Bladder dysfunction</p> <p>Non-standard intermittent catheters Non-standard indwelling/suprapubic catheters Refer to <i>Quick Reference Guide (QRG) for NSW Government Contract</i></p>	<p><i>Allocation will vary depending on equipment type, individual circumstances, packaging and cost</i></p>	<p>Eligible Prescribers Group 2: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS); Continence Advisor; Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC); Nurse Practitioner with relevant specialty training OR Registered nurse with > 1 year experience in continence management and 3 previous supervised prescriptions **</p> <p>Request Process: The funding criteria must be addressed in the relevant section of ERF</p> <p>Standard catheters have been trialled/considered and do not meet person's specific needs: Plus meets at least one of the criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires use of catheter with specific tip • Allows person to independently catheterise • Demonstrated reduction in infections following trial
<p>Non-standard annual allocation of catheters and drainage equipment</p>		<p>A non-standard allocation for a time limited period may be considered in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not eligible for CAPS • Renal failure • High infection occurrences • Autoimmune condition <p>Supporting documentation from medical specialist may be requested.</p>
<p>Non-contract items Non-contract items are provided by exception.</p>		<p>Meets at least one criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract items have been trialled and have been unsuccessful • Clinically appropriate product is not available on contract eg due to size

Pads/pullups/nappies for children < 5 years old	Standard Allocation	Child is four (4) years old and meets at least one criteria below: a) Neurogenic bladder or bowel due to lower motor neuron condition b) Unable to undertake toilet training program due to multiple disability c) Toilet training program has been undertaken and outcomes indicate that child will not attain toilet training by five (5) years of age. Provide report from early intervention team or child care centre regarding outcomes of toilet training program over 6 month period.
Non-standard annual allocation of pads/pullups	1080	A higher allocation for a time limited period may be considered in the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not eligible for CAPS and > 5 years old • Chronic renal or cardiac disease or lymphodaema resulting in increased urine output <p>Supporting documentation from medical specialist may be requested.</p>
Bowel Management Anal Plugs, Washout kits, rectal catheters and accessories	<i>Contact EnableNSW</i>	Eligible Prescribers Group 3: Multidisciplinary/Specialist team including: Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS); Contience Advisor; Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC); Nurse Practitioner with relevant bowel management and product training OR Registered nurse with > 1 year experience in continence management, relevant bowel management and product training and 3 previous supervised prescriptions** PLUS Medical Specialist Meets all criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anal sphincter deficit or neurological incontinence and is used on a regular basis as part of bowel management program. • Product has been trialled OR is a replacement for a product that has been used previously • Commitment to ongoing out-of-pocket expenses to maintain bowel management program.
Excluded equipment	Dressings and tapes; gloves; aperients, enemas and suppositories; cleaning and sterilising products; gels and creams; products for mild stress incontinence or nocturnal enuresis; Nappies for children under 4 years of age; chair pads; underwear. Products for management of stomas are provided by <i>Stoma Appliance Scheme</i>	

** Previous prescriptions may have been for alternative funding sources.