

Wigs Funding Criteria: This Guideline has been developed in consultation with expert clinicians and is designed to specify EnableNSW funding criteria for this group of assistive technology; items provided; eligible prescribers and provide a basis for consistent and transparent decision making.

Wigs

EnableNSW funds the following self-care equipment. This list is not exhaustive and EnableNSW reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the provision of equipment that is not specifically included or excluded. Prescribers should check their eligibility to prescribe specific equipment in this category as identified in the table below

Request process:

- Complete an EnableNSW Application Form and send to EnableNSW with a Wig Request Form completed by an eligible prescriber with a valid quote specifying the type and quantity of wig(s).
- EnableNSW does not provide reimbursements for wigs already purchased.
- If the request is approved, EnableNSW sends an order to the wig supplier based on maximum funding amounts. For any wigs costing greater than the EnableNSW funding maximum, you will be required to pay the difference to the supplier directly.
- A prescriber cannot also be a supplier or affiliated with the supplier of the equipment for the same request. This may include but is not limited to a personal or professional relationship with or material interest in the supplier or manufacturer of the equipment listed on the request.

Allocation:

Synthetic Hair Wig: 2 wigs per 12 month period.

EnableNSW will fund a maximum of \$300 each wig for Band 1-2 consumers. Band 3 consumers are not eligible for synthetic hair wigs

OR

Human Hair Wig: 1 wig per 3 years.

EnableNSW will fund a maximum of \$2000 for Band 1-2 consumers or \$1600 for Band 3 consumers towards the cost of the wig per 3 years.

| Included equipment | Funding Criteria | Eligible Prescribers/Additional Information |
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| Synthetic hair wig OR Human hair wig | Meets ALL of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hair loss has been present for more than 12 months • Treatment for hair loss has been trialed and unsuccessful or was deemed unsuitable PLUS meets ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a diagnosis of Alopecia areata totalis or Alopecia areata universalis or Lichen planus with at least 80% permanent hair loss • The item is required due to at least 80% permanent hair loss as a result of skin grafts. | Eligible Prescribers: Medical Specialist General Practitioner (if no longer under the care of a Medical Specialist) <u>Please Note:</u> EnableNSW funds 1 wig hair type (i.e. synthetic or human hair wig) within the allocation period. |

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| Exclusions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wigs for hair loss from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alopecia areata Trichotillomania Androgenic alopecia Temporary hair loss or hair loss as a result of chemotherapy or medication use | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement for wigs already purchased Partial hair pieces / wigs Hairdressing or repairs Wig care products (e.g. shampoo, conditioner, brushes, combs, storage accessories, etc.) |
| Glossary | <p>Alopecia areata: patchy hair loss from some or all areas of the body, usually the scalp. May develop into Alopecia areata totalis or universalis.</p> <p>Alopecia areata totalis: Full hair loss from the entire scalp</p> <p>Alopecia areata universalis: Full hair loss from the entire body</p> | <p>Androgenic alopecia: Male and female pattern baldness</p> <p>Trichotillomania: A mental health disorder where a person pulls their hair out</p> <p>Lichen planus: A chronic inflammatory auto-immune disease</p> |