Today

- Contract 980 update
- Aids and Equipment Program
- What’s new?
- Questions
Contract 980 Update

• Contract in place since Feb 2013
• Implementation successfully completed
  – New Forms
  – Factsheets
  – Communication to consumers

• First two year period set to expire
  – EnableNSW will be seeking feedback to guide whether the contract is extended
Aids and Equipment Program

• Changes to Warehouse and Equipment Allocation Program (EAP)
Equipment Allocation Program
How it works

• The EAP services consumers living in:
  - Metropolitan Sydney including Nepean Blue Mountains
  - Central Coast
  - Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Maitland and Cessnock and
  - Illawarra Shoalhaven

• Items requested do not require a trial or quote
Aids and Equipment Program

• New Orthotics/Footwear guidelines
  – Upper-limb, Lower-limb, Medical Grade Footwear
  – Physios can now prescribe Group 2 footwear
  – Footwear criteria expanded

• New Orthotics/Footwear form

Aids and Equipment Program

Footwear & Orthotics Form and Clinical Criteria

Orthotics & Footwear Clinical Criteria

The guidelines have been developed for Orthotics (Lower-limb and Upper-Limb) and Footwear in consultation with the Agency for Clinical Innovation Diabetic Foot Group and the Australian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

These were reviewed and revised in 2013 and the title changed to 'Clinical Criteria' in 2014.

- Footwear and Orthotics Request Form (MS Word)
- Footwear Clinical Criteria (pdf)
- Orthotics Lower Limb Clinical Criteria (pdf)
- Orthotics Upper Limb Clinical Criteria (pdf)

Background to the revised guidelines (PPG Update)

- What has changed and Why
- Upper Limb Orthoses
- Medical Grade Footwear
- Lower Limb Orthoses
- Questions raised by prescribers during education sessions
- Sample Equipment Request Form (ERP) - an example of an orthotics and footwear ERP

Note: In the presentations above, move your cursor over the speech bubble to see further comments.
Aids and Equipment Program

• Allied Health Contract 963 released
  – Some items that you regularly prescribe or provide may be on the new contract
  – Cost savings for LHDs
  – Some items you request from EnableNSW AEP may be on contract (e.g. Compression garments, walkers, prefabricated orthoses)
  – Watch this space!
Consumer Application Forms & new phone system

• Consumer applications required
  – If no application submitted in last two years
  – PLS follows up with consumers and prescriptions are placed on hold until received

• Streamlined phone system
  – Press Option 4 for PLS
Consumer applications can be completed online

NDIS & Accreditation review

- NDIS
  - EnableNSW is piloting an interface with the NDIS trial site in Hunter LHD where we process some requests on their behalf
  - NDIS make the final decision and are responsible for communicating outcomes

- Accreditation guidelines review
  - Due later in 2014
Budget enhancement

- Budget - $12.2 Million quarantined
- Fully expended each year

- Consumers- approx 2600 per annum
  - 374 new amputations p.a.
  - 75% Male
  - 48% ≥ 65 years old
  - 3% <16 years old
  - 3% upper limb
Current & future directions

- Streamlining of forms for AEP
- Review of clinical criteria
- Prescriber education sessions
- Expansion of EAP
- Aligning our service with national disability directions
- ABF modelling
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Questions