EnableNSW Update

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What’s new

Prosthetic Limb Service (PLS)
- New labour contract with Prosthetic Service Providers (PSPs)
- New prescription forms
- Change of PSP at RPA clinic
- New provider (X-tremity P&O)
- Technical Working Group commenced on Non-Standard Feet and Knees

General
- Eligibility indicator & new Application Form
Components Contract Refresher

- Contract 980B Prosthetic Limb Components was released 15 Jan 2018
- This is a way of formalising our previous component list and minimising the changes that occur throughout the year
- **Standard list** = suitable for 80% of users, now includes roll-on liners
- **Non-Standard list** = items that may be requested with a discretionary request form, clinical reasoning required
Components Contract

• Many new items included in the contract
• Some items previously on the list are no longer available
When to use a discretionary request

• Use contract Standard list items first

• If you cannot find one that is suitable, submit a discretionary request for a Non-Standard list item
  – The contract list is available on our website http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/prescribers/contracts

• If you cannot find a suitable Non-Standard list item, consider Non-Contract options and submit a discretionary request
When to use a discretionary request

- Try to avoid choosing Non-Contract items unless absolutely necessary
- PLS requirement is to fund items from the contract unless there is absolutely nothing on contract that will meet the person’s clinical need
- Don’t be afraid to change clinical habits and try new components from the Standard List
What’s on the Non-Standard list

- Extra Heavy Duty (>150kg)
- High Activity Adult (K4)
- High Activity Paediatric (K4)
- Waterproof
- Externally Powered Upper Limb Devices
- Consumables (liners)
- Microprocessor knees
- Terminal devices other than hands/hooks
Good discretionary requests

• Use objective clinical measures related to that particular person such as:
  – Weight
  – Activity level
  – Stump shape
  – Skin condition
  – Cognitive ability
  – Environment of use (+/- frequency in this environment)
  – Specific everyday activities related to ADLs
Good discretionary requests

• Are clear and concise
  – Do not give your reasoning on a separate letter or paperwork. Keep it on the form
  – What are you requesting?
  – Why?
  – Why aren’t the contract Standard options suitable for this person?
  – Remember there might be multiple options so list them separately if required
Poor discretionary requests

• Are difficult to review
• Do not rule out the Standard list contract options using a clinical reason
• Are general in nature rather than specific about this individual
• Do not use the form
• Are long-winded stories without getting to the point
• Copy the advertising slogans from the component manufacturer
• Do not use reasoning related to ADLs (eg, they relate to recreation for adults)
Remember

• Discretionary requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis

• Each decision is at the discretion of EnableNSW and variance among decisions will occur
  – Do not assume that the words you used for Joe will be approved for Jane

• For items like silicone liners, there are many options on contract and they all need to be ruled out if you are requesting a Non-Contract item
The Future

• NDIS transition continues
  – Active role in supporting transition for eligible people
  – Communication from EnableNSW to potential NDIS-eligible people will increase as we near full transition
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