

UM Clinical Coverage Guidance

Hair Prosthesis

SCOPE

This clinical coverage guidance applies to **Commercial lines of business**.

CLINICAL COVERAGE GUIDELINE

A hair prosthesis (wig or hair piece) is considered reasonable and necessary for a hair loss due to a medical condition or the treatment of a medical condition.

HCPCS Code and Description

A9282 Wig, any type, each

The following criteria must be met:

- A. Ordered by the treating physician.
 - 1. Hair loss must be due to the effects of alopecia areata, alopecia totalis, alopecia medicamentosa: **OR**
 - 2. Permanent loss of scalp hair due to injury such as from burns or traumatic injury: **OR**
 - 3. Permanent loss of scalp hair due to an underlying skin condition resulting from infection or inflammation of the hair follicles that is characterized by extensive follicular destruction and is unresponsive to treatment; **OR**
 - 4. Autoimmune diseases causing permanent hair loss; **OR**
 - 5. Congenital baldness present since birth; **OR**
 - 6. Long term side effect of chemotherapy or radiation.

EXTERNAL REFERENCES

A. Vandegrift, K.V.: The development of an oncology alopecia wig program. J Intraven Nurs Mar-April; 17(2):78-82, 1994 B.

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