

## WIGS OR HAIRPIECE

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### I. HCPCS PROCEDURE CODE

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### II. POLICY

A. Benefits may be extended in accordance with the allowable charge, for one wig (also known as cranial prosthesis) or hairpiece per beneficiary (lifetime maximum) when the attending physician certifies that alopecia has resulted from the treatment of a malignant disease and the beneficiary certifies that a wig or hairpiece has not been obtained previously through the U.S. Government (including the [Department of Veterans Affairs \(DVA\)](#)).

B. **Allowable Charge.** Effective January 1, 2011, the allowable charge may not exceed \$2,000 per wig or hairpiece. If the wig or hairpiece purchased by the beneficiary exceeds this maximum amount, TRICARE shall reimburse only up to the allowable amount. This amount shall be updated annually by using the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U). The updated amount will be published in this section.

### III. EXCLUSIONS

The wig /cranial prosthesis or hairpiece benefit does not include coverage for the following:

- A. Alopecia resulting from conditions other than treatment of malignant disease.
- B. Maintenance, supplies, or replacement of the wig/cranial prosthesis or hairpiece. Statutory provisions limit these items to one furnished at the expense of the government (i.e., prosthetic replacement provisions do not apply).
- C. Hair transplants or any other surgical procedure involving the attachment of hair or a wig or hairpiece to the scalp.
- D. Any diagnostic or therapeutic method or supply intended to encourage hair regrowth.

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