



CRANIAL/SCALP/WIG PROSTHESIS Corporate Medical Policy

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Document Precedence

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) Medical Policies are developed to provide clinical guidance and are based on research of current medical literature and review of common medical practices in the treatment and diagnosis of disease. The applicable group/individual contract and member certificate language determines benefits that are in effect at the time of service. Since medical practices and knowledge are constantly evolving, BCBSVT reserves the right to review and revise its medical policies periodically. To the extent that there may be any conflict between medical policy and contract language, the member's contract language takes precedence.

Medical Policy

Description

A wig or hairpiece is a prosthetic supply for hair loss and is comprised of a hairpiece of human or artificial hair worn as personal adornment or to conceal baldness.

Policy

The Plan considers a wig (cranial/scalp prosthesis) **medically necessary**, when generalized hair loss is present due to one or more of the following conditions:

- Chemotherapy
- Radiation therapy
- Scalp injury
- Severe burns

The Plan considers a wig (cranial/scalp prosthesis) **not medically necessary** when the above conditions are not met and/or if balding or hair loss is due to:

- Natural aging process
- Premature balding at a young age
- Male/Female pattern baldness
- Medical conditions which are not a covered diagnosis under this medical policy.

Administrative and Contractual Guidance

Benefit Determination Guidance

Prior approval may be required and benefits are subject to all terms, limitations and conditions of the subscriber contract.

For New England Health Plan (NEHP) members an approved referral authorization may be required.

Benefits for FEP members may vary. Please consult the FEP Service Plan Brochure.

Coverage varies according to the member's group or individual contract. Not all groups are required to follow the Vermont legislative mandates. Member Contract language takes precedence over medical policy when there is a conflict.

If the member receives benefits through a self-funded (ASO) group, benefits may vary or not apply. To verify benefit information, please refer to the member's plan documents or contact the customer service department.

Billing and Coding Information

See attachments I, II and III for coding tables and instructions.

Replacement of the original wig (cranial/scalp prosthesis) provided under this benefit sooner than three years from the purchase of the original prosthesis is **not** considered medically necessary. This benefit, if available in the subscriber's contract, is to be processed under the medical equipment and supplies benefit with any applicable deductibles and coinsurances, co-payments and subject to any benefit maximums.

Audit Information

BCBSVT reserves the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines stated in the medical policy. If an audit identifies instances of non-compliance with this medical policy, BCBSVT reserves the right to recoup all non-compliant payments.

Eligible Providers

The Plan does not require members to purchase a cranial prosthesis (wig) from a medical equipment and supplies provider.

Related Policies

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies

Policy Implementation/Update information

Date	Update Type	Brief Description
09/11	Revision/New Format	Minor wording changes, major change to code table
02/08	Annual Review	No changes made
02/07	Annual Review	Minor wording changes only
02/06	Annual Review	Updated for HCPCS coding, & ICD9 coding. Eligible provider & reimbursement language updated.
02/05	Annual Review	Updated to allow TVHP to use same guidelines as BCBSVT
05/03	Annual Review	Added covered ICD9 diagnosis codes
01/03	Revision	Updated to include language clarifying benefit & location of purchase.
10/02	Annual Review	Updated to clarify allowance to policy dated 8/15/95 signed by Frank Balco, SR. VP
02/13	Annual Review	Removed diagnosis codes for alopecia (unspecified/totalis). Removed diagnosis for burns; unspecified sites. Prior Approval only required if over \$500.00. Medical/Coder reviewed- RLJ. Approved by MPC 1/10/13.
02/14	Revision	ICD-10 remediation only. RLJ.

Scientific Background and Reference Resources

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Attachment I
HCPCS Coding Table & Instructions

Code Type	Number	Brief Description	Policy Instructions
The following HCPCS is appropriate for Cranial Wig Prosthesis			
HCPCS	A9282	Wig, Any Type, Each	Prior Authorization only required if purchase price is over \$500.00
Type of Service		Durable medical equipment	

Attachment II
ICD-9 Code Table & Instructions

Code Type	Number	Brief Description	Policy Instructions
The following diagnoses are the only diagnoses considered medically necessary when applicable criteria have been met.			
ICD-9	873.0	Open wound of scalp, without mention of complication	
ICD-9	873.1	Open wound of scalp, complicated	
ICD-9	925.1	Crushing injury of face and scalp	
ICD-9	941.06	Burn of unspecified degree of scalp [any part]	
ICD-9	941.16	Erythema due to burn [first degree] of scalp [any part]	

ICD-9	941.26	Blisters, with epidermal loss due to burn [second degree] of scalp [any part]	
ICD-9	941.36	Full-thickness skin loss due to burn [third degree NOS] of scalp [any part]	
ICD-9	941.46	Deep necrosis of underlying tissues due to burn [deep third degree] of scalp [any part], without mention of loss of scalp	
ICD-9	941.56	Deep necrosis of underlying tissues due to burn [deep third degree] of scalp [any part], with loss of a body part	
ICD-9	946.0	Burns of multiple specified sites, unspecified degree	
ICD-9	V58.0	Radiotherapy encounter	
ICD-9	V58.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy	
ICD-9	V66.1	Convalescence following radiotherapy	
ICD-9	V66.2	Convalescence following chemotherapy	
ICD-9	V87.41	Personal history of antineoplastic chemotherapy	

Attachment III
ICD-10 Code Table & Instructions

Code Type	Number	Brief Description	Policy Instructions
The following diagnoses are the only diagnoses considered medically necessary when applicable criteria have been met.			
ICD-10	S01.00xA	Unspecified open wound of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S01.00xD	Unspecified open wound of scalp, subsequent encounter	

ICD-10	S01.00xS	Unspecified open wound of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S01.01xA	Laceration without foreign body of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S01.01xD	Laceration without foreign body of scalp, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S01.01xS	Laceration without foreign body of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S01.03xA	Puncture wound without foreign body of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S01.03xD	Puncture wound without foreign body of scalp, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S01.03xS	Puncture wound without foreign body of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S01.05xA	Open bite of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S01.05xD	Open bite of scalp, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S01.05xS	Open bite of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S08.0xxA	Avulsion of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S08.0xxD	Avulsion of scalp, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S08.0xxS	Avulsion of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S01.02xA	Laceration with foreign body of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S01.02xD	Laceration with foreign body of scalp, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S01.02xS	Laceration with foreign body of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S01.04xA	Puncture wound with foreign body of scalp, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S01.04xD	Puncture wound with foreign body of scalp, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S01.04xS	Puncture wound with foreign body of scalp, sequela	
ICD-10	S07.0xxA	Crushing injury of face, initial encounter	

ICD-10	S07.0xxD	Crushing injury of face, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S07.0xxS	Crushing injury of face, sequela	
ICD-10	S07.1xxA	Crushing injury of skull, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S07.1xxD	Crushing injury of skull, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S07.1xxS	Crushing injury of skull, sequela	
ICD-10	S07.8xxA	Crushing injury of other parts of head, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S07.8xxD	Crushing injury of other parts of head, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S07.8xxS	Crushing injury of other parts of head, sequela	
ICD-10	S07.9xxA	Crushing injury of head, part unspecified, initial encounter	
ICD-10	S07.9xxD	Crushing injury of head, part unspecified, subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	S07.9xxS	Crushing injury of head, part unspecified, sequela	
ICD-10	T20.05xA	Burn of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.05xD	Burn of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.05xS	Burn of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.45xA	Corrosion of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.45xD	Corrosion of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.45xS	Corrosion of unspecified degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.15xA	Burn of first degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.15xD	Burn of first degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	

ICD-10	T20.15xS	Burn of first degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.55xA	Corrosion of first degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.55xD	Corrosion of first degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.55xS	Corrosion of first degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.25xA	Burn of second degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.25xD	Burn of second degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.25xS	Burn of second degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.65xA	Corrosion of second degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.65xD	Corrosion of second degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.65xS	Corrosion of second degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.35xA	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.35xD	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.35xS	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.75xA	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.75xD	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.75xS	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.35xA	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.35xD	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	

ICD-10	T20.35xS	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.75xA	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.75xD	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.75xS	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.35xA	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.35xD	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.35xS	Burn of third degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T20.75xA	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], initial encounter	
ICD-10	T20.75xD	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], subsequent encounter	
ICD-10	T20.75xS	Corrosion of third degree of scalp [any part], sequela	
ICD-10	T30.0	Burn of unspecified body region, unspecified degree	
ICD-10	T30.4	Corrosion of unspecified body region, unspecified degree	
ICD-10	Z51.0	Encounter for antineoplastic radiation therapy	
ICD-10	Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy	
ICD-10	Z51.89	Encounter for other specified aftercare	
ICD-10	Z51.89	Encounter for other specified aftercare	
ICD-10	Z92.21	Personal history of antineoplastic chemotherapy	