### **EnableNSW Update**

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### **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



 Changes to Warehouse and Equipment Allocation Program (EAP)



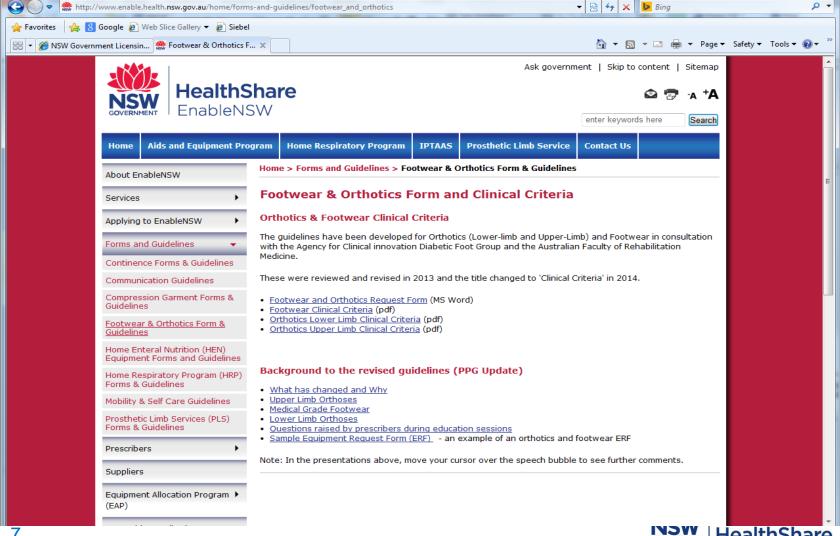
# **Equipment Allocation Program How it works**

- 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



- 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

http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/home/forms-and-guidelines/footwear\_and\_orthotics



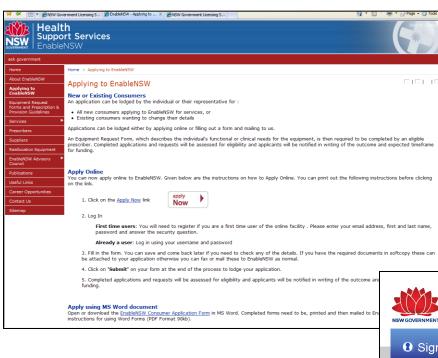
- Allied Health Contract 963 released
  - Some items that you regularly prescribe or provide may be on the new contract
  - Cost savings for LHDs
  - Some items the you request from EnableNSW AEP may be on contract (eg. Compression garments, walkers, prefabricated orthoses)
  - Watch this space!



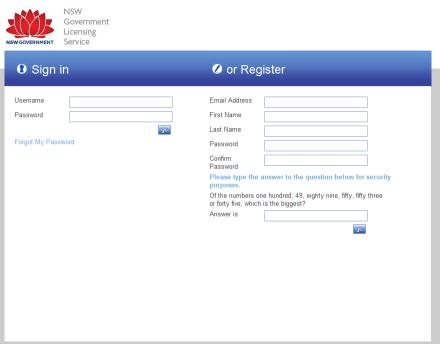
# Consumer Application Forms & new phone system

- 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



www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/applying 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</p>
  - 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**



