

# 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  
[http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/for\\_individuals/eligibility-indicator](http://www.enable.health.nsw.gov.au/for_individuals/eligibility-indicator)

# 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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# Questions?

