

Prosthetic Devices

Plan: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana

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Policy contains: Prosthetic devices; prosthesis; artificial body parts.

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Policy statement

Prosthetic devices include artificial limbs, body parts, sockets, suspension components, attachment, alignment and finishing. A complete description of the prosthesis is required, such as whether the device is a conventional type, above the knee or a special type. The request should indicate the following:

- Whether the request is for the first prosthesis or a replacement;
- The mental and physical ability of the beneficiary to use the device; and
- Whether training is required for a replacement.

A plan of training shall always be a part of a first request for prosthesis.

References

Louisiana Department of Health. 2010. Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual. Prosthetic Devices. Chapter 18, Section 18.2. Issued 01/03/2022.

Policy updates

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