# **Medical Coverage Policy: Wig**



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### Overview

A wig or toupee is an artificial covering made of human or synthetic hair worn on the head to conceal baldness. This policy documents coverage for wigs (scalp hair prosthesis) worn for hair loss suffered as a result of treatment of any form of cancer or leukemia.

## **Policy Statement**

Wigs or toupees are covered at max of \$350 per <u>occurrence</u> for members who have hair loss related to the treatment of cancer or leukemia. To obtain reimbursement for wigs or toupees, the member will complete a Manual Reimbursement Form (see below) and submit the form to the VCHCP Claim Department along with an original receipt as proof of purchase. No preauthorization is required.

### A. Attachment: Manual Reimbursement Form



### **B.** History:

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