

## Summary of proposed updates to the Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines

This document outlines the proposed updates to each Lifetime Care and Support Guideline and should be read alongside the corresponding draft Part.

The update aims to simplify language, clarify understanding and amend any outdated terms.

These updates do not intend to change a participant's entitlements under the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme.

### Part 15: Prostheses

#### General updates

- Changed wording to an active voice where possible (*eg Lifetime Care considers*)
- Reworded the commencement provision for clarity. The intended meaning remains unchanged.

Heading	Section	Updates
1.Definitions	1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated definition of Prosthesis to provide clarity and accommodate items such as a wig or ear prosthesis. Removed example.</li></ul>
2.Reasonable and necessary rehabilitation	2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removed “a treatment and care need for” to simplify the language.</li></ul>
	2.1a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removed “through amputation of a limb” as not required.</li></ul>
	2.1c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated to include reference to current “Guidelines for Prescribers-Assistive Technology” available on icare’s website and removed reference to Enable NSW as this no longer applies.</li></ul>
	2.2b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Included reference to warranty conditions.</li></ul>
	2.2c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removed as Enable accreditation no longer applies to providers.</li></ul>
	2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removed “treatment and care needs in connection with” to simplify the language.</li></ul>
	2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Removed the example.</li></ul>

To view the current Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines, and the Guideline Parts that are currently open for consultation, visit the [Guidelines and Policies](#) page on our website.

## Feedback

Feedback on draft Parts of the Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines can be sent via email to icare's Scheme Integration and Resolution team at [sir@icare.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sir@icare.nsw.gov.au).

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## Part 15: Prostheses

This Part of the Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines is made under section 11A, 11AA, 23, 28 and 58 of the *Motor Accidents (Lifetime Care and Support) Act 2006* (the Act).

This version of Part 15 of the Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines (the Guidelines) takes effect on the date of gazettal in the NSW Government Gazette and, on and from that date, applies to all participants in the Scheme, whether interim or lifetime, and whether accepted into the Scheme before or after the date of gazettal.

The Lifetime Care and Support Authority (Lifetime Care) may waive observance of any part or parts of this Guideline. Waiving observance of all or part of this Guideline in any particular circumstances is not an indication that Lifetime Care will waive observance of this or any other Guideline in any other circumstances.

### 1 Definitions

1.1 In this Part of the Guidelines, these words and phrases have the following meanings:

**Prosthesis** is an artificial substitute for a missing part of the body used for functional or cosmetic reasons, or both. Any reference to a prosthesis in this guideline includes any associated componentry. Any reference to a prosthesis in this Guideline relates to an external prosthesis or orthosis and does not include a surgically implanted prosthesis.

**Provider** refers to an accredited medical prescriber, an amputee clinic or a limb manufacturer, as relevant or applicable.

### 2 Prostheses

2.1 Lifetime Care considers a prosthesis to be reasonable and necessary where:

- a) the need has arisen because of the motor accident injury;
- b) the prosthesis promotes functional independence, self-management or cosmetic improvement; and
- c) any provider is, and the prescription, clinic services and manufacturing services are provided by, a person or persons that are suitably qualified and experienced, and where relevant, meet the criteria in the Guidelines for Prescribers – Assistive Technology. This can be accessed on Lifetime Care's website at [www.icare.nsw.gov.au](http://www.icare.nsw.gov.au).

2.2 Lifetime Care considers maintenance and repairs to prostheses to be reasonable and necessary where the need arises due to:

- a) normal wear and tear; and
- b) routine maintenance as recommended by the manufacturer, to meet warranty conditions or to meet industry standards.

2.3 Lifetime Care considers the repair or replacement of a prosthesis is not reasonable and necessary if its repair or replacement is required due to neglect or misuse.

2.4 Lifetime Care may regard a prosthesis for a recreational activity to be reasonable and necessary, in addition to a primary prosthesis, where the participant is likely to engage in the activity on a regular and ongoing basis.

2.5 Lifetime Care will not consider an expense connected with a prosthesis to be a reasonable expense if the prosthesis does not comply with Australian Standards (if applicable), or if it is not registered with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (if applicable).