



Explanation of Medical Necessity for Cranial Hair Prosthetics

This letter will serve as an informative explanation for insurance companies to better understand a **custom full cranial hair prosthesis** verses a cosmetic wig. A cranial hair prosthesis is the latest technological advancement in replacing lost hair due to medical reasons. They are designed and expertly custom fit to meet the specific needs of the hair loss patient. A consultation of each patient's situation and a custom design and treatment plan is decided.

My career as a licensed cosmetologist began over 30 years ago. The last 28 have been spent in the hair restoration industry. I have continued to educate myself over the years and keep up with the advancements and changes in this specialized field. It is an honor to be able to help patients find comfort as they go through difficult medical issues. My certifications in hair replacement include cranial prosthetic specialist, hair restoration specialist, color specialist, advanced molding techniques and fitting of the prosthetics.

Hair loss is a very traumatic experience. It causes a devastating change in self-image for anyone going through chemotherapy, radiation, alopecia, head surgery, tumors, burns or trichotillomania. The emotional and physical benefits of a custom designed and properly fitted prosthesis are immeasurable.

Physicians agree that the mental difficulties caused by a loss of a body part (hair) directly affects their life. A person's appearance carries over into self-esteem and self-worth. An appearance therapist together with the use of a custom prosthesis have been proven to have a therapeutic effect on the patient's mental well-being. It is necessary to address the physiological and psychological effects of hair loss. The requirement of a hair prosthesis is directly related to the management of the illness.

The cooperation of the insurance industry and its understanding of offsetting the costs of this very important part of a patient's treatment is imperative. Working with patients in this sensitive area has proven to be invaluable in creating a positive attitude and also promote healing. This is **NOT** the same as a cosmetic wig.

I hope these facts and insights will help in determining why it is so important to consider a cranial hair prosthesis to be a "**need**" of the patient and a healing aspect of their treatment.

If I may answer any more questions, please feel free to contact me at:

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