



## Free & Discounted Wigs

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### Steps toward insurance reimbursement for hair for Massachusetts residents:

Every insurance plan is different and there is no guarantee of coverage in all cases. Below are guidelines to help you receive reimbursement from your insurance provider.

- Ask your physician to write you a prescription for "**Cranial/Hair Prosthesis for medical purposes. Alopecia secondary to chemotherapy or radiation therapy.**"
- Get a receipt for the wig your purchase with the prescription and submit it to your insurance company
- Denials are common- if this occurs resubmit the claim with a picture of yourself without hair and request a review by medical review board. Send new claim to claim supervisor.
- Ask your physician to write a letter explaining that the prosthesis is needed as a medical necessity and is not cosmetic
- Keep a copy of all correspondence, document telephone conversations (with dates and person spoken to) in writing. Most policies do not spell out exclusions under prosthetics; check your policy carefully.

[adapted from: <http://www.dana-farber.org/Adult-Care/Treatment-and-Support/Patient-and-Family-Support/Friends-Place/Services-and-Programs/Wigs.aspx#faq100>]

**NOTE: Original Medicare does not cover the cost of hair prostheses, but Medicare Advantage plans may.**

**Ask your health insurance company (primary and secondary) about coverage for your hair prosthesis and how to submit a claim.**

**Massachusetts residents:** Massachusetts law provides for coverage of hair prosthesis up to \$350 per calendar year for anyone undergoing cancer treatment.

Other states covering hair prostheses:

**CT, DE, FL, MD, MN, MO, NH, NM, OK, and RI**

**Check with your insurance company for details.**

## Free and Discounted Wigs & Salons

Organization			Special Notes or Instructions
<b>BOSTON</b>			
<b>Images Boutique</b> 55 Fruit Street Boston, MA 02114 Yawkey 9B 617-726-3211			Located at the Mass General Hospital Cancer Center. Will provide complimentary consultations to decide what works best for individual's lifestyle. Wig prices include styling. Offers products and services for people undergoing cancer treatment and participates in the Look Good, Feel Better program (through American Cancer Society) for women with cancer.
<b>Windows of Hope</b> 330 Brookline Avenue Boston, MA 02215 617-667-1899	✓	✓	Located at the Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Center. Offers products and services for people undergoing cancer treatment. Have a large supply of free wigs. Full range of wigs.
<b>HiSense Wig World</b> 27 Temple Place Boston, MA 02111 617-542-5511		✓	Provide form to submit to insurance company. 10% discount for patients undergoing cancer treatment.
<b>Friends Place</b> Dana Farber Yawkey 1 450 Brookline Ave Boston, MA 02215 617-632-2211		✓	Located at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Offers products and services for people undergoing cancer treatment and participates in the Look Good, Feel Better program (through American Cancer Society) for women. Able to bill insurance companies with which they are contracted. Full priced wigs begin at \$175. Discounted wigs start at \$35 but are not billable to insurance.
<b>Hair Club</b> 41 Winter Street 7th floor Boston, MA 02108 800-251-2658 <b>Hair Club for Kids</b> 800-251-2658 x3668	✓		Provide hair restoration services for men, women and children. For adults, call for a pricing consultation. The Hair Club for Kids offers 3 free wigs per year for children ages 6-17. When calling for information, ask to speak to JoJo – Hair Club for Kids coordinator.
<b>Hair Kingdom</b> 51 Humboldt Avenue Roxbury, MA 02119 617-427-5911	✓	✓	Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Custom wigs available to those insured. Will assist with insurance claims.

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<b>CAPE AND THE ISLANDS</b>		
<b>Cape Cod Regional Technical High School</b> 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue Harwich, MA 02645 508-432-4500 x 225	✓	Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Supervised students in the cosmetology department are available for cut/style at no cost. Only available during school year (Sept – June). Ask to speak with Bill Marino.
<b>Hair Replacement Solutions of Cape Cod</b> 35 Winter Street Suite 105 Hyannis, MA 02601 508-771-3702	✓	Cut and style is included in the price, as well as a free sleep cap and turban. By appointment only.
<b>Jacqui's Wig Studio</b> Razzmatazz Hair Studio 70B Industry Rd. Marston Mills, MA 02648 508-737-9198	✓	Wigs are offered at a discounted rate for cancer patients in active treatment. Will make home or local hospital visits. Jacqui is also certified by ACS to conduct the Look Good, Feel Better program. Complimentary consultation, wigs are customized for each individual- no charge for additional styling. Located in a private setting.
<b>CENTRAL</b>		
<b>Salvi's Barber Stylist</b> Hannaford Plaza 118 Lancaster Street Leominster, MA 01453 978-534-9824	✓	Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Will make local hospital and home visits. Non- ACS wigs start at \$125.
<b>Talk of the Town Hair Stylists</b> 49 Main Street Leominster, MA 01453 978-534-8516	✓	Wig prices starting at \$89. Custom fit, cut, and refurbish.
<b>Women's Image Center</b> 80 Erdman Way, Suite 204 Leominster, MA 01453 978-534-0200	✓	Will bill all major insurances directly. Wigs are \$350. Also, have a wig bank of free donated wigs for people without insurance coverage

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<b>Siri Wig Boutique</b> 344A Boston Turnpike Shrewsbury, MA 508-864-7301	✓	✓	Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Full retail boutique with wigs starting at \$250. Appointment only, no walk in service.
<b>Sonja's Wig Salon</b> 74 Franklin Street Worcester, MA 01608 508-754-0084	✓	✓	Will assist in finding an affordable wig if individual cannot afford one.
<b>Women's Image Center</b> 95 Vernon Street Worcester, MA 01610 508-754-8705	✓		Will bill all major insurances directly with a prescription from Doctor's office. Wigs are \$350 and up. Also, have a wig bank of free donated wigs for people without insurance coverage.
<b>GREATER BOSTON</b>			
<b>Biyoshi</b> 1382A Beacon Street Brookline, MA 02446 617-738-1184	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients- styling is included. Please refer to beauty center at your local hospital first, if unable to get a wig there will provide wig then.
<b>Wigs by Helen</b> 20 Irving Street Malden, MA 02148 781-322-2288		✓	Wigs starting at \$50. No appointment necessary
<b>Somerville High School</b> 81 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143 617-625-6600 x6225	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Supervised students in the cosmetology department are available for cut/style at no cost. Only available during school year (Sept – June).

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<b>A Caring Place</b> 620 Washington Street Winchester, MA 01890 <b>781-756-5088</b>	✓	✓	Located at Winchester Hospital center for Cancer Care. ACS Wig Bank- free wigs available for patients who do not have insurance coverage. Wide variety of head coverings available.
<b>Hair Club</b> 237 Lexington Street Suite 203 Woburn, MA 01801 <b>800-251-2658</b> <b>Club for Kids</b> <b>Hair 800-251-2658 x3668</b>	✓		Provide hair restoration services for men, women and children. For adults, call for a pricing consultation. The Hair Club for Kids offers 3 free wigs per year for children ages 6-17. When calling for information, ask to speak to JoJo – Hair Club for Kids coordinator.
<b>Caldwell Hair MatesWigs</b> 454 Main Street Woburn, MA 01801 <b>781-938-0495</b>		✓	Offers some wigs up to 50% off. Private rooms for wig fitting. Location has no sink so no styling can be done at this time.
<b>METRO WEST</b>			
<b>Finely Donna's Hair Wig Salon</b> 30 Farm Road Marlborough, MA 01752 <b>508-460-9697</b>	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Free consultation.
<b>Hair Club</b> 2 Park Central Drive Suite 220 371 Turnpike Road Southborough, MA 01772 <b>800-251-2658</b> <b>Hair Club for Kids</b> <b>800-251-2658 x3668</b>	✓		Provide hair restoration services for men, women and children. For adults, call for a pricing consultation. The Hair Club for Kids offers 3 free wigs per year for children ages 6-17. When calling for information, ask to speak to JoJo – Hair Club for Kids coordinator.
<b>New England Hair Illusions</b> 16 Pondview Place #16 Tyngsboro, MA 01879 <b>978-649-7228</b>	✓		Features a large inventory of wigs, hats, turbans and accessories for patients with cancer. Offers styling services . Will submit insurance claims directly for insurance companies with which they are contracted.

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<b>NORTH SHORE</b>			
<b>Talk of the Town</b> 4 Park Street Georgetown, MA 01833 <b>978-352-8326</b>	✓	✓	Provides reduced cost wigs and styling services to cancer patients who do not have insurance. Private appointments recommended. Hair pieces, extensions, and services are available for women who have thinned or thinning hair. 1 hour consultation is free with purchase of wig.
<b>John Anthony Salon</b> 17 Church Street Merrimac, MA 01860 <b>978-346-7656</b>	✓	✓	Provides new and refurbished wigs free and discounted.
<b>Terry Hall Salon</b> 59 Federal Street Wilmington, MA 01887 <b>978-988-0733</b>		✓	Discounted wigs starting at \$100 and up. A cut and style is included.
<b>SOUTH SHORE</b>			
<b>Salon Beverly</b> <b>South Shore Vocational High School</b> 476 Webster Street Hanover, MA 02339 <b>781-878-7421</b>	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Cosmetology instructors cut and style with student assistance at no cost. Only available during school year (Sept – June). Call for appointment.
<b>Hair Club</b> Harborview Place 225 Water Street Suite A211 Plymouth, MA 02360 <b>800-251-2658</b> <b>Hair Club for Kids</b> <b>800-251-2658 x3668</b>	✓		Provide hair restoration services for men, women and children. For adults, call for a pricing consultation. The Hair Club for Kids offers 3 free wigs per year for children ages 6-17. When calling for information, ask to speak to JoJo – Hair Club for Kids coordinator.
<b>Patricia and Co. Cosmetic Solutions</b> 534 Main Street, Route 18 Weymouth, MA 02190 <b>781-335-4700</b>	✓	✓	Wigs starting at \$125. *Will help clients in financial need by directing them to alternate resources. Specialize in assisting people with cancer. Significantly discounted wig bank for those in financial hardship.

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<b>SOUTHEAST</b>			
<b>Cameo Beauty Salons &amp; Wig Boutique</b> 75 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740 <b>508-996-0911</b>		✓	Has a supply of discontinued style wigs that cost \$75. Regular retail wigs start at \$160
<b>Ara's His &amp; Hers Salon</b> 2667 Cranberry Highway Wareham, MA 02571 <b>508-295-1343</b>	✓	✓	Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients in financial need. Will bill most insurance companies directly. In stock items are 10-15% off. Some services are 50% off for clients.
<b>American Cancer Society</b> 5 Manley Street West Bridgewater, MA 02379 <b>1-800-ACS-2345</b>	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients. Also have accessories. ACS will mail the wig if patient is unable to come.
<b>Options Wig &amp; Post Mastectomy Salon</b> 930A American Legion Highway Westport, MA 02790 <b>508-636-4447</b>		✓	Wigs starting at \$100. Accept most insurances except Medicare. MassHealth clients require prior authorization.
<b>WESTERN</b>			
<b>Rose Marie's Salon</b> 333 Walnut Street Ext. Agawam, MA 01001 <b>413-786-9488</b>		✓	A short intake procedure is required. Sliding fee scale is based on income. Wigs are at cost.
<b>Audrey's Wigs</b> 462 Bernardston Road Greenfield, MA 01301 <b>413-774-5192</b>		✓	Wigs starting at \$65. Will make local hospital and home visits.

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<b>Cut N Curl</b> 428 Springfield Street Springfield, MA 01107 <b>413-733-0790</b>	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients.
<b>NATIONAL</b>			
<b>American Cancer Society</b> Main #: 800-ACS-2345 www.cancer.org  TLC program: 800-850-9445 TLC Catalog: www.tlcdirect.org	✓	✓	Have many wig banks throughout the country that offer free wigs for people with cancer. Call ACS for all current wig bank locations.  TLC Tender Loving Care is a not-for-profit patient service of the American Cancer Society intended to make coping easier for women experiencing hair loss due to chemotherapy, radiation treatment or surgery. Offer a large selection of affordable hair loss products for cancer patients.
<b>After Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD)</b> 800-977-4121 http://www.abcdbreastcancersupport.org	✓		Wigs are provided to women diagnosed with breast cancer and who have no insurance or low resources. Call the 24-hour ABCD HelpLine 800-977-4121 to speak with a peer counselor about receiving a wig or prosthesis, and learn more about selecting and wearing a wig or prosthesis.
<b>Children with Hair Loss</b> 734-379-4400 www.childrenwithhairloss.us	✓		The CWHL program provides a hair replacement, a care kit, a band of hair, a turban, a hat, and free styling services to children (under age 21) with medically-related hair loss. CWHL products and services are provided at no cost to recipients. Application available online.
<b>Paula Young</b> 800-364-9060 www.paulayoung.com		✓	Large selection of wigs and hair pieces for women. Resource information on medical-related hair loss. Prices starting at about \$30. Many clearance wigs available online and in catalog.
<b>Wigs for Kids</b> 440-333-4433 www.wigsforkids.org	✓		Free wigs for children whose families meet eligibility criteria. Download application off website and mail it in.