



# Free & Discounted Wigs and Salons Assisting with Insurance Claims

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**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.**

## 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.**

## Free and Discounted Wigs & Salons

Organization	Free	Discount	Special Notes or Instructions
<b>MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL</b>			
<b>Images Boutique</b> 55 Fruit Street Boston, MA 02114 Yawkey 9B <b>617-726-3211</b>			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 for women with cancer.
<b>Coils and Locs @ Images Boutique</b> 55 Fruit Street Boston, MA 02114 Yawkey 9B <b>617-726-3211</b>			Supplier of afro-textured synthetic wig styles for black women or any woman with textured hair experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment.
<b>BOSTON*</b>			
<b>Windows of Hope</b> 330 Brookline Avenue Boston, MA 02215 <b>617-667-1899</b>	✓	✓	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. Currently open by appointment only.
<b>Friends Place</b> Dana Farber Yawkey 1 450 Brookline Ave Boston, MA 02215 <b>617-632-2211</b>		✓	Located at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Offers products and services for people undergoing cancer treatment. 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 Kingdom</b> 138 Warren Street Roxbury, MA 02119 <b>617-427-5911</b>	✓	✓	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

<b>Wigs for Well-Being at The Salon at 10 Newbury</b> 10 Newbury St Boston, MA 02116 617-247-4900	✓		Provides free wigs to cancer patients. An appointment is required (zoom option available). Requirements to qualify include wig prescription from the treating provider (MD or NP) and a letter of financial need from a social worker describing that patient does not have adequate insurance or funds to purchase a wig. Please obtain paperwork prior to scheduling an appointment.
<b>GREATER BOSTON*</b>			
<b>Biyoshi</b> 1382A Beacon Street Brookline, MA 02446 <b>617-738-1184</b>	✓		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>Somerville High School</b> 81 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143 <b>617-625-6600 x6225</b>	✓	✓	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).
<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>Caldwell Hairmate Salon and Wigs</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>Hair Club</b> 237 Lexington Street, Suite 203 Woburn, MA 01801 <b>866-514-8957</b>  <b>Hair Club for Kids</b> <b>800-269-7384</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.

**METRO WEST\***

<p><b>Hair Club</b> 2 Park Central Drive, Suite 220 Southborough, MA 01772 <b>866-514-8957</b></p> <p><b>Hair Club for Kids</b> <b>800-269-7384</b></p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>New England Hair Illusions</b> 16 Pondview Place #16 Tyngsboro, MA 01879 <b>978-649-7228</b></p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>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.</p>

**CAPE AND THE ISLANDS\***

<p><b>Cape Cod Regional Technical High School</b> 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue Harwich, MA 02645 <b>508-432-4500 x 225</b></p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Hair Replacement Solutions of Cape Cod</b> 35 Winter Street Suite 105 Hyannis, MA 02601 <b>508-771-3702</b></p>		<p>✓</p>	<p>Cut and style is included in the price, as well as a free sleep cap and turban. By appointment only.</p>

**CENTRAL\***

<p><b>Salvi's Barber Stylist Hannaford Plaza</b> 118 Lancaster Street Leominster, MA 01453 <b>978-534-9824</b></p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Women's Image Center</b> 80 Erdman Way, Suite 204 Leominster, MA 01453 <b>978-534-0200</b></p>	<p>✓</p>		<p>Will bill all major insurances directly. Wigs are \$350. Also, have a wig bank of free donated wigs for people without insurance coverage</p>

<b>Talk of the Town Hair Stylists</b> 192 Merriam Ave Leominster, MA 01453 <b>978-534-8516</b>		✓	Wig prices starting at \$89. Custom fit, cut, and refurbish.
<b>Women's Image Center</b> 95 Vernon Street <b>Worcester, MA 01610</b> <b>508-754-8705</b>	✓		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>NORTH SHORE*</b>			
<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>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.
<b>Salon BeverlySouth 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>866-514-8957</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>Hair Club for Kids</b> 800-269-7384			
<b>SOUTHEAST*</b>			
<b>Ara's His &amp; Hers Salon</b> 2667 Cranberry Highway Wareham, MA 02571 508-295-1343	✓	✓	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 1-800-ACS-2345	✓		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 508-636-4447		✓	Wigs starting at \$100. Accept most insurances except Medicare. MassHealth clients require prior authorization.
<b>Wigs and Wishes-Bella Capelli Hair Studio</b> 100 North Washington Street North Attleboro, MA 02760 508-699-5200 <a href="https://www.wigsandwishes.org/">https://www.wigsandwishes.org/</a>	✓		Wigs and Wishes provides free wigs to cancer patients through participating salons. Schedule a consultation to discuss your wig needs.
<b>WESTERN*</b>			
<b>Cut N Curl</b> 428 Springfield Street Springfield, MA 01107 413-733-0790	✓		Featuring an American Cancer Society wig bank that provides free wigs to cancer patients.

**NATIONAL**

<p><b>American Cancer Society</b> Main #: 800-ACS-2345 www.cancer.org TLC program: 800-850-9445 TLC Catalog: www.tlcdirect.org</p>	✓		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>After Breast Cancer Diagnosis (ABCD)</b> 800-977-4121 http://www.abcdbreastcancersupport.org</p>	✓		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Children with Hair Loss</b> 734-379-4400 www.childrenwithhairloss.us</p>	✓		<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Paula Young</b> 800-364-9060 www.paulayoung.com</p>		✓	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Wigs for Kids</b> 440-333-4433 www.wigsforkids.org</p>	✓		<p>Free wigs for children whose families meet eligibility criteria. Download application off website and mail it in.</p>
<p><b>Verma Foundation</b> Phone: 512-582-0171 https://vermafoundation.org/</p>	✓		<p>Free Cap Wig (baseball-cap with attached wig) made from 100% human hair for cancer patients of all ages who live anywhere in the country and are in treatment for any type of cancer. Application is online only.</p>