

24.29.1407 PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES DEVICES (1) For the purposes of identifying what constitutes a prosthesis not subject to the automatic 60-month closure of medical benefits under 39-71-704, MCA, the term "prosthesis" means, with respect to a body part or organ missing or damaged as the direct result of a workplace accident or occupational disease:

- (a) an artificial substitute to replace that body part or organ; or
- (b) a device to augment the functioning of that body part or organ.

~~(1)(2) Claims for furnishing replacement or repair~~ Examples of a prosthetic appliances shall be paid to orthotists or prosthetists, who have been certified by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics or Prosthetics, and whose services are performed in a certified facility device include, but are not limited to:

- (a) an artificial joint;
- (b) an artificial eye;
- (c) an artificial limb; and
- (d) an artificial tooth.

~~(2)(3) For services provided on or after July 1, 2011, claims must be paid in accordance with the utilization and treatment guidelines adopted by the department in ARM 24.29.1594~~ Examples of a prosthetic device that augments function include, but are not limited to:

- (a) prescription eye glasses;
- (b) prescription contact lenses;
- (c) dentures; and
- (d) hearing aids.

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