

Walking Frame Funding Criteria: This Guideline has been developed in consultation with expert clinicians and is designed to specify EnableNSW funding criteria for this group of assistive technology; items provided; eligible prescribers and provide a basis for consistent and transparent decision making.

Mobility: Walking Frame

EnableNSW funds the following self-care equipment. This list is not exhaustive and EnableNSW reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the provision of equipment that is not specifically included or excluded. Prescribers should check their eligibility to prescribe specific equipment in this category as identified in the table below

Request process:

- Items in this category are available through the Equipment Allocation Program (EAP) and the NSW Government Contract 963 Allied Health
- Prescribers are required to check and request suitable available items from the EAP website first.
- EnableNSW is required to order products from NSW Government Contracts. Prescribers should request items from contract when unable to utilise the equipment from EAP.
- Non-contract products will only be purchased in the event that there are no items on contract or available through the EAP, to meet a person's specific clinical need. Prescribers should contact an EnableNSW Clinical Advisor to discuss.
- An itemised quote is required for non-contract items requested.
- A prescriber cannot also be a supplier or affiliated with the supplier of the equipment for the same request. This may include but is not limited to a personal or professional relationship with or material interest in the supplier or manufacturer of the equipment listed on the request.
- EnableNSW provides the most cost effective item to meet a person's clinical need
- Only equipment that complies with the relevant Australian or International Standards and/or has Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) registration (class 1 medical devices) is funded.

Allocation:

- 1x walking frame

Included equipment	Funding Criteria	Eligible Prescribers/Additional Information
Group 1		
Wheeled walking frame Forearm support frame Posterior support frame	Must meet all criteria below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person is unable to walk safely without support • The walking aid is the primary means of mobility or • The walking aid and a seated mobility device are used to cover the person's mobility needs (Provide information within the request form regarding the duration, frequency and environment/s of use of each device) 	Eligible Prescribers: Registered Physiotherapist or Medical Specialist

Carbon fibre walking frame	Criteria for above walking/support frames are met Plus Must meet all criteria below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other group 1 walking frames have been considered and are not clinically suitable for the person's mobility. The ultra-light weight frame facilitates independent mobility in usual environments of use 	
Group 2		
Specialised walking frame with postural support	Criteria for Group 1 walking/support frames are met Plus person requires postural support to use the mobility item.	Eligible Prescribers: Registered Physiotherapist with > 1 year experience and 3 previous prescriptions of this category of equipment. Previous prescriptions do not have to be for EnableNSW funding
Excluded equipment and accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devices under \$100 Equipment for recreational activities or therapy purposes Equipment for short term need or acute health episode Carry bags Kitchen trolleys / tray-mobiles Walking belts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 wheeled walking frames Walking frames that convert to wheelchairs Walking sticks Second walking frames Crutches Walking frames with power assist or electric motors