



Amputee Bill of Rights

All individuals with limb loss and limb difference shall have, at a minimum, the following rights:

General Rights

1. The right to use or to not use a prosthesis and still be treated with respect and dignity and have an optimal quality of life.
2. The right to participate in employment, vocational training, and education - including school-based extra-curricular activities - without discrimination.
3. The right to have access to all businesses, facilities and activities with appropriate accommodations if necessary.
4. The right to conceive, parent and adopt children without prejudice due to limb loss/limb difference.
5. The right to freedom of movement in the United States utilizing all modes of public transportation.

Health Care Rights

1. The right to the highest-quality and affordable care, including the right to the most appropriate prosthesis and the best-qualified practitioners.
2. The right to timely and efficient treatment.
3. The right to play a meaningful role as an active member of a rehabilitation team that applies a coordinated team approach to health treatment across all disciplines, including prosthetics, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.
4. The right to mobility and/or activity free from physical problems resulting from an ill-fitting prosthesis.
5. The right to appropriate mental health and peer support.

Health Insurance Rights

1. The right to prostheses and other assistive devices as an essential health benefit covered by all payers.
2. The right to prostheses and other assistive devices free from any payer lifetime or annual limits.
3. The right to portable prosthetic care, free from any pre-existing condition exclusions.
4. The right to prompt authorization of treatment and clear disclosures of their financial responsibility.
5. The right to have the combined clinical judgment of their prosthetist and prescribing physician be the sole determinant of whether a particular prosthesis(es) or assistive device(s) is medically necessary.