



Research Supports Prosthetic Parity

"Even though the affected population is small, the coverage of O&P is important to allow the individual to return to normal social and work activities. In addition to replacing functional loss due to the loss or injury to a limb, they provide cosmetic, sensory and expressive functions. This includes allowing the individual to get needed exercise to stay healthy. Also returning to normal activities lessens depression and other psychological problems."

- Source: New Jersey Mandated Health Benefits Advisory Commission, 2006

"O&P devices can result in improved functionality that can potentially increase productivity and thus reduce the economic loss associated with the diseases and conditions that require o&p use."

- Source: California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP), 2006

"There is no fiscal implication to the state. There is a cost *savings* to the state."

- Source: John S. O'Brien, Director of the Texas Legislative Budget Board, 2007

"Mandating coverage will likely increase the number of individuals able to obtain devices that have been prescribed as a course of treatment and may reduce the overall costs of healthcare due to a reduction in secondary complications."

- Source: Jason Powell, Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission, 2007

"O&P [orthotic and prosthetic] devices can improve the physical and psychological functioning of persons with amputations, injuries, and congenital physical disabilities enabling them to exercise, work, and perform other activities of daily life and, thus reduce their dependence on caretakers."

- Source: Maine Bureau of Insurance, 2003

"The cost impact on premiums is relatively small at less than 0.025%."

- Source: New Jersey Mandated Health Benefits Advisory Commission, 2006

"Given the potentially significant financial impact to an individual or family for obtaining a medically prescribed prosthetic device, the proposed mandate is consistent with the role of insurance."

- Source: Jason Powell, Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission, 2007