

Policy Article Revisions Summary for December 07, 2023

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Outlined below are the principal changes to the DME MAC Policy Articles (PAs) that have been revised and posted. The policies included are Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses, Knee Orthoses, and Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO. Please review the entire Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and related PAs for complete information.

Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses

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Revision Effective Date: 02/01/2021

NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:

Removed: Language that describes prefabricated and custom fabricated orthoses

Revised: "This minimal self-adjustment does not require the services of a certified orthotist or an individual who has specialized training." to "This minimal self-adjustment does not require the services of a certified orthotist or an individual who has specialized training (as defined in the CODING GUIDELINES section)."

Revised: HCPCS referenced as custom fabricated orthoses, to include "L1900"

Revised: "This information will be corroborated by the functional evaluation in the orthotist or prosthetist's records." to "This information will be corroborated by the functional evaluation in the orthotist's records and the method of custom fabrication should adhere to the DMEPOS Quality Standards, Appendix C."

MODIFIERS:

Removed: "refer to the CODING GUIDELINES section for additional information" pertaining to RT and LT modifiers

Added: RT and LT modifier information (relocated from the CODING GUIDELINES section)

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Added: "(Refer to the REPAIR/REPLACEMENT section for more information regarding billing of L4205 and L4210 HCPCS codes.)"

CODING GUIDELINES:

Added: "CUSTOM FABRICATED"

Added: "Custom-fabricated additions are appropriate only for custom-fabricated base orthotics and should not be billed with prefabricated base orthotics" (relocated from the NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES section)

Added: Language that describes custom fabricated orthoses, molded-to-patient-model custom fabrication, and positive model of the patient

Added: "Specialized Training" and the definition of specialized training

Added: "PREFABRICATED" and language that describes prefabricated orthoses

Removed: "However, for certain types of orthoses, the HCPCS code narrative that best describes the product does not make a distinction between prefabricated orthoses that are provided as custom-fit or OTS. These code narratives are correct and must be used for Medicare billing, without regard to how the product is provided to the beneficiary at the final delivery." (Effective March 11, 2021)

Added: "Corresponding HCPCS Code Sets"

Revised: "parallel" to "corresponding" in regard to HCPCS codes

Removed: "(e.g., L4360, L4361, L4386, L4387, L4396 and L4397)" from the sentence that pertains to corresponding sets of HCPCS codes

Added: HCPCS codes L4360, L4361, L4386, L4387, L4396, and L4397 to a table that pertains to corresponding sets of HCPCS codes

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Added: Information that pertains to the coding of a prefabricated orthosis when a corresponding HCPCS code set is not available and the unique HCPCS code describes a custom fitted item, including "Code the product using the unique HCPCS code, if the product was custom fitted at the time of delivery to the beneficiary" and "Code the product using a miscellaneous HCPCS code, if the product was not custom fitted at delivery to the beneficiary and, instead, was provided as OTS to the beneficiary. The miscellaneous HCPCS code for billing of AFOs and KAFOs is HCPCS code L2999." (Effective March 11, 2021)

Revised: "Elastic and Similar Stretchable Materials" to "ELASTIC AND SIMILAR STRETCHABLE MATERIALS"

Added: "ANKLE-FOOT ORTHOSES," "KNEE-ANKLE-FOOT ORTHOSES," "POSITIONING DEVICES," "SHOE INSERTS," "CONCENTRIC TORSION JOINTS," "WALKING BOOTS," "OTHER DEVICES," and "REPAIR/REPLACEMENT"

Added: Coding guideline information for HCPCS codes L2034, L2036, L2200, L2210, L2220, L2280, L2330, and L2820

Added: "LOWER EXTREMITY ADDITIONS" and language that describes custom-fabricated additions

Removed: Language that referred to the HCPCS codes which describe custom fabricated and prefabricated orthoses

Removed: Language that referred to the HCPCS codes which describe orthoses worn when a beneficiary is ambulatory, non-ambulatory, or minimally ambulatory

Revised: Language that pertains to shoes, inserts, and shoe modifications that are integral components of a leg brace and the pertinent HCPCS codes

Removed: RT and LT modifier information

Reference: [Noridian DME Website](#)