

August 22, 2013

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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

Xref: 26333918

VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS RIGHT MEDIAL/LEFT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435821-XS	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS RIGHT MEDIAL/LEFT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435831-S	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS RIGHT MEDIAL/LEFT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435841-M	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS RIGHT MEDIAL/LEFT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435851-L	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS RIGHT MEDIAL/LEFT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435861-XL	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS LEFT MEDIAL/RIGHT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435921- XS	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS LEFT MEDIAL/RIGHT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435931-S	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS LEFT MEDIAL/RIGHT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435941-M	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS LEFT MEDIAL/RIGHT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435951-L	L1832
VISSION OA KNEE ORTHOSIS LEFT MEDIAL/RIGHT LATERAL	ALLARD USA	435961-XL	L1832

Dear Diane Beesley:

As described below, the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor has reviewed the product(s) listed above and has approved the listed Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs).

The PDAC Contractor provides coding assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC publishes coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Policy Articles and any related Advisory Articles established by the DME MACs. All products submitted to the PDAC for a coding verification review are examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

The PDAC has reviewed the above listed product(s). Based on this review and application of DME MAC policy, the HCPCS code(s) listed below should be used when billing the DME MACs:

L1832 - Knee Orthosis, Adjustable Knee Joints (Unicentric Or Polycentric), Positional Orthosis, Rigid Support, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment

According to the "Local Coverage Article for Knee Orthosis - Policy Article - Effective July 2012", code L1845 describes a prefabricated knee orthosis that has double uprights, condylar pads, and an adjustable flexion and extension joint and provide both medial-lateral and rotation control. Medial-lateral control of the knee is accomplished by the solid metal (or similar material) structure of the double uprights. Rotation control is accomplished by the combination of (1) solid metal (or similar material) in the anterior portion of the thigh and calf cuffs and (2) the condylar pads. This orthosis is designed for beneficiaries who are fully ambulatory.

The product submitted for review does not have solid thigh and calf cuffs; therefore, HCPCS code L1832 is the most appropriate code.

This decision applies to the application we received on June 18, 2013. If information submitted in that application has changed or were to change, it could impact our decision. Therefore, a new application would need to be submitted for HCPCS coding verification review. The coding assigned in this decision letter will be available on the Product Classification List (PCL) on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS) within ten (10) working days from the letter's date. The DMECS can be accessed on the PDAC website, www.dmepdac.com. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the letter's date and provide evidence to substantiate a reconsideration of PDAC's original coding determination. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form located on the PDAC website at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/requesting.html>. If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, it will require a new application and documentation to support the request.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, as listed on the PCL on DMECS. Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/notifying.html>. It is also the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to assure their websites and product marketing materials accurately reflect the product reviewed by the PDAC and the coding decision assigned.

An assignment of the HCPCS code(s) to product(s) is not an approval or endorsement of the product(s) by Medicare or Noridian Healthcare Solutions; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage.

If you have questions about policy, claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction. For other questions, contact the PDAC Contact Center at the address listed above or by telephone at (877) 735-1326. The Contact Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT.

Sincerely,

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