

December 22, 2017

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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

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DUO MEDIAL COMBINED INSTABILITY ATHLETIC	BREG INC	ED111YXX-CI	L1820
DUO MEDIAL COMBINED INSTABILITY	BREG INC	ED112YXX-CI	L1820
DUO LATERAL COMBINED INSTABILITY ATHLETIC	BREG INC	ED113YXX-CI	L1820
DUO LATERAL COMBINED INSTABILITY	BREG INC	EDD114YXX-CI	L1820
DUO MEDIAL COMBINED INSTABILITY ATHLETIC SHORT	BREG INC	ED311YXX-CI	L1820

Dear Jill Cook:

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) code(s) 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:

L1820 - Knee Orthosis, Elastic With Condylar Pads And Joints, With Or Without Patellar Control, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment

The "Local Coverage Article: Knee Orthoses - Policy Article" states:

Codes L1845, L1846 and L1852 describe prefabricated and custom fabricated (respectively) knee orthoses that have double uprights, condylar pads, and an adjustable flexion and extension joint and provide both mediolateral and rotation control. Mediolateral 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. These orthoses are designed for beneficiaries who are fully ambulatory.

The stops inside the stop tree supplied with the brace are unable to be removed. This makes the flexion/extension joints unable to be adjusted. The knee brace does not meet the requirements of requested HCPCS code L1845/L1852 and those HCPCS codes are not assigned. Therefore, HCPCS code L1820 is the appropriate code.

This decision applies to the application we received on October 12, 2017. 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,

PDAC
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