

April 14, 2016

MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC
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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

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TRI-PANEL ABDOMINAL BINDER	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT211002XL	A4466
TRI-PANEL ABDOMINAL BINDER	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT211003XL	A4466
TRI-PANEL ABDOMINAL BINDER	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT211004XL	A4466
TRI-PANEL ABDOMINAL BINDER	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT21100LXL	A4466
TRI-PANEL ABDOMINAL BINDER	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT21100SM	A4466

Dear Kristen Freund:

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:

A4466 - Garment, Belt, Sleeve Or Other Covering, Elastic Or Similar Stretchable Material, Any Type, Each

The CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-02), Chapter 15, Section 130, defines a brace as follows:

A brace includes rigid and semi-rigid devices which are used for the purpose of supporting a weak or deformed body member or restricting or eliminating motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. Elastic stockings, garter belts, and similar devices do not come within the scope of the definition of a brace.

Elastic garments or devices in general do not meet the definition of a brace because they are not rigid or semi-rigid devices. This includes devices that include stays that do not provide sufficient pressure to restrict or eliminate motion in the body part. While elastic devices may provide compression or warmth to a leg, arm, back, or neck, if they do not restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the body, then they may not be covered as braces.

The Local Coverage Article for Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO - Policy Article - Effective October 2015 states:

A flexible garment which is made primarily of an elastic material (e.g., neoprene or spandex [elastane, Lycra™]), is billed with code A4466.... Codes L0450, L0454, L0621, L0625, and L0628 may only be used for orthoses that are made primarily of nonelastic material (e.g., canvas, cotton or nylon).

This product is made primarily of elastic and does not have a rigid posterior panel. Therefore, it does not meet the criteria for the requested code L0625. HCPCS code A4466 is assigned.

This decision applies to the application we received on February 04, 2016. 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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