

March 2, 2017

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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

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HINGED KNEE BRACE	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT23320S	L1820
HINGED KNEE BRACE	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT23320M	L1820
HINGED KNEE BRACE	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT23320L	L1820
HINGED KNEE BRACE	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT23320XL	L1820
HINGED KNEE BRACE	MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC	ORT233202XL	L1820

Dear Kristen Treasure:

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 L1810 and L1812 describe prefabricated knee orthoses constructed of latex, neoprene, spandex or other elastic material. There are no condylar pads. There are hinges or joints.

Code L1820 describes a prefabricated knee orthosis with hinges or joints, constructed of latex, neoprene, spandex or other elastic material. There are medial and lateral condylar pads.

The products submitted for review come with medial and lateral condylar pads. Therefore, HCPCS code L1812 is not assigned. HCPCS code L1820 is the appropriate code.

This decision applies to the application we received on January 23, 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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