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DME MACs Issue Joint Publication on Prosthetic Leg Covers

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The Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) issued a joint publication to educate suppliers and providers about appropriate coding and billing of lower-limb prosthetic covers and covering systems. The publication said that the DME MACs receive a high volume of claims for lower-limb prosthetic covers and protective covering systems for the same lower-limb prosthesis, even though the need for both is rare.

Lower limb prosthetic covers are billed under codes L-5704 (custom shape cover bk), L-5705 (custom shape cover ak), L-5706 (custom shape cvr knee disart), and L-5707 (custom shape cvr hip disart). They are complete products and afford shape, protection, and waterproofing for normal daily usage of the prosthesis. They offer sufficient protection and weatherproofing for patients who require lower-limb prostheses.

Protective outer surface covering systems L-5962 (below knee flex cover system), L-5964 (above knee flex cover system), and L-5966 (hip flexible cover system) are specialized covers intended to be worn over an existing prosthesis. They are used by people who have special needs for protection against unusually harsh environmental situations

where it is necessary to protect the lower-limb prosthesis beyond the level of that which is afforded by lower-limb prosthetic covers. Protective outer surface covering systems are not covered for cosmetic or convenience reasons, or for everyday use in a typical environment. This type of product is separate from the covering that is reimbursed as part of L-5704 through L-5707 and is rarely necessary.

Documentation to support the medical necessity of a protective outer surface covering system must indicate the type of extraordinary activities that would justify the need for extra protection afforded by this highly durable item. When billing for them, information regarding the type of protective cover provided (i.e., manufacturer name, make, model, or type) must be included on claims to ensure correct coding.

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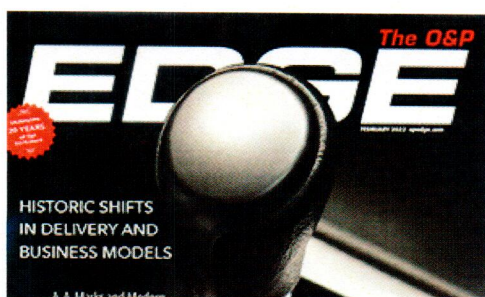
1. [DME MACs Advise on Appropriate Coding, Billing for Lower-Limb Prosthetic Covers](#)
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Codes L5940, L5950, and L5960 for ultra-light materials may only be used when materials such as carbon fiber, fiberglass, Kevlar, or other advanced composite lamination materials are used in the fabrication of a socket for an endoskeletal prosthesis. They are not used for ultralight materials used in other components of a prosthesis – e.g., knee/shin system, pylon, ankle, foot. For codes L5940, L5950, and L5960, the unit of service is per limb.

L5301, L5540, L5321, L5590 should not be used when billing a replacement socket for an existing prosthesis. The use of L5301, L5540, L5321, L5590 with a replacement socket is incorrect coding (unbundling). Code L5999 (LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED) must not be used to bill for any features or functions included in the socket or addition codes. Use of L5999 is incorrect coding (unbundling).

Infinite Socket (LIM Innovations) is an open-socket design that has distinct below knee and above knee products. These sockets are custom-fabricated from a model of the patient's residual limb and utilize struts that extend from a base to an adjustable brim enclosing an inner shell to form the primary structure of the socket. The LIM Innovations socket is functionally equivalent to design features of current HCPCS codes. The correct combination of HCPCS codes for the Infinite Socket TT-S (below-knee socket) are L5301 or L5700 with the addition of L5629, L5637, and L5940. The correct combination of HCPCS codes for the Infinite Socket T/F (above-knee socket) are L5321 or L5701 with the addition of L5631, L5649, and L5950.

PROTECTIVE COVERS

Lower limb prosthetic covers (L5704, L5705, L5706, and L5707) are complete products and afford shape, protection and waterproofing for normal daily usage of the prosthesis. They offer sufficient protection and weatherproofing for beneficiaries who require lower limb prosthetics.

Protective outer surface covering systems (L5962, L5964, and L5966) are specialized covers intended to be worn over an existing prosthesis. They are used by a beneficiary who has special needs for protection against unusually harsh environmental situations where it is necessary to protect the lower limb prosthesis beyond the level of protection that is afforded by L5704, L5705, L5706, and L5707. They are not for cosmetic or convenience reasons, or for everyday usage in a typical environment. Protective outer surface coverings are different from the covering that is already reimbursed as part of L5704, L5705, L5706, and L5707.

FOOT COVERS

Foot covers are included in the codes for a prosthetic foot component and are not separately payable.

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With the exception of items described by specific HCPCS codes, there should be no separate billing and there is no separate payment for a component or feature of a microprocessor controlled knee, including but not limited to real time gait analysis, continuous gait assessment, or electronically controlled static stance regulator.

Addition codes for exoskeletal knee-shin systems are L5710, L5711, L5712, L5714, L5716, L5718, L5722, L5724, L5726, L5728, L5780 are considered an upgrade to the knee-shin system. The beneficiary may qualify for an upgraded knee-shin system depending on their assigned K-level modifier (K0-K4), as referenced in the LCD. These HCPCS codes can fully describe a complete prosthetic knee-shin system commonly referred to as a "base knee code". A single addition code can fully describe a complete knee-shin system and thus the use of two codes from the list would be considered incorrect coding (unbundling).

Addition codes for endoskeletal knee-shin systems are L5610, L5611, L5613, L5616, L5810, L5811, L5812, L5814, L5816, L5818, L5822, L5824, L5826, L5828, L5830, L5840 are considered an upgrade to the knee-shin system. The beneficiary may qualify for an upgraded knee-shin system based on their assigned K-Level modifier (K0-K4), as referenced in the LCD. These HCPCS codes can fully describe a complete prosthetic knee-shin system commonly referred to as a "base knee code". A single addition code can fully describe a complete knee-shin system and thus the use of two codes (L5610, L5611, L5613, L5616, L5810, L5811, L5812, L5814, L5816, L5818, L5822, L5824, L5826, L5828, L5830, L5840) would be considered incorrect coding (unbundling).

L5925, L5930, L5845, L5848, L5850, L5856, L5857, L5858, L5859 are additional features and/or functions that do not describe a complete endoskeletal knee-shin system and must be used in combination with an L-code for a knee-shin system (L5610, L5611, L5613, L5616, L5810, L5811, L5812, L5814, L5816, L5818, L5822, L5824, L5826, L5828, L5830, L5840). The use of additional feature L-codes may also depend on the assigned K-Level modifier (K0-K4), as referenced in the LCD.