

November 7, 2014

COMFORTLAND MEDICAL INC
709 A O SMITH ROAD
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Re: Reconsideration of Coding Verification Decision

Xref: 35169054

ACCORD ANKLE BRACE III	COMFORTLAND MEDICAL INC	CL-301-2-L	L1906 OR L1971
ACCORD ANKLE BRACE III	COMFORTLAND MEDICAL INC	CL-301-2-R	L1906 OR L1971
ACCORD ANKLE BRACE III	COMFORTLAND MEDICAL INC	CL-301-3-L	L1906 OR L1971
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ACCORD ANKLE BRACE III	COMFORTLAND MEDICAL INC	CL-301-4-L	L1906 OR L1971
ACCORD ANKLE BRACE III	COMFORTLAND MEDICAL INC	CL-301-4-R	L1906 OR L1971

Dear Lois Tsui:

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

L1971 - ANKLE FOOT ORTHOSIS, PLASTIC OR OTHER MATERIAL WITH ANKLE JOINT, PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT

L1906 - ANKLE FOOT ORTHOSIS, MULTILIGAMENTUS ANKLE SUPPORT, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF

The product submitted for review consists of two components, a plastic multiligamentus ankle gauntlet and a rigid posterior calf shell. These are connected by weaving the cuff on the multiligamentus component through cutouts in the posterior shell. The product meets HCPCS code L1971 only if these two components are inter-connected. Code L1906 must be used if the posterior calf shell is not included.

From time to time questions come up with the DME MACs and PDAC as to whether a proper coding decision on a product has been made. When such a question arises, the PDAC will re-review the product and render a decision. If the decision is to change the code assigned, the manufacturer of the product is notified. The manufacturer then has the option to ask for a reconsideration, as outlined on our website.

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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