

September 2, 2016

TOWNSEND DESIGN
4615 SHEPARD STREET
BAKERSFIELD CA 95003

Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

Xref: 52134494

LIGASTRAP MALLEO SIZE 1	THUASNE / TOWNSEND DESIGN	2180 01	A4466
LIGASTRAP MALLEO SIZE 2	THUASNE / TOWNSEND DESIGN	2180 02	A4466
LIGASTRAP MALLEO SIZE 3	THUASNE / TOWNSEND DESIGN	2180 03	A4466
LIGASTRAP MALLEO SIZE 4	THUASNE / TOWNSEND DESIGN	2180 04	A4466
LIGASTRAP MALLEO SIZE 5	THUASNE / TOWNSEND DESIGN	2180 05	A4466

Dear William Cox:

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 product is a pull-on ankle support primarily made of elastic/stretchy type material; therefore, HCPCS code A4466 is the most appropriate code.

This decision applies to the application we received on July 07, 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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