

December 22, 2015

TOWNSEND DESIGN
4615 SHEPARD STREET
BAKERSFIELD CA 93313

Re: Reconsideration of Coding Verification Decision

Xref: 44848585

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| ACHILLES ADJUSTA WALKER SM | TOWNSEND DESIGN | 24-121-2 | L4360 OR L4361 |
| ACHILLES ADJUSTA WALKER MD | TOWNSEND DESIGN | 24-122-2 | L4360 OR L4361 |
| ACHILLES ADJUSTA WALKER LG | TOWNSEND DESIGN | 24-123-2 | L4360 OR L4361 |
| ACHILLES ADJUSTA WALKER XLG | TOWNSEND DESIGN | 24-124-2 | L4360 OR L4361 |

Dear Will 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:

L4360 - Walking Boot, Pneumatic And/Or Vacuum, With Or Without Joints, With Or Without Interface Material, Prefabricated Item That Has Been Trimmed, Bent, Molded, Assembled, Or Otherwise Customized To Fit A Specific Patient By An Individual With Expertise

L4361 - Walking Boot, Pneumatic And/Or Vacuum, With Or Without Joints, With Or Without Interface Material, Prefabricated, Off-The-Shelf

Heel or toe wedges, hinges, and joints are components which are inherent in the design and function of products assigned to L4360, L4361, L4386 and L4387 and are not separately billable with any type of walking boot. Although the wedges maybe be used in a shoe after treatment with the walking boot has been completed, the wedges are included in the allowable for the walking boot. The heel lift code L3334 is a modification to a shoe and is not billable with a walking boot.

If the heel wedges are packaged separately and can be supplied alone without a walking boot, these can be submitted for coding verification.

This decision applies to the application we received on October 23, 2015. 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 would like to apply for a new coding category, an application must be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) HCPCS Workgroup. Please complete and send the application at www.cms.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo/01_overview.asp to the CMS HCPCS Workgroup Coordinator. The mailing address is provided below. The CMS HCPCS Workgroup reviews applications for modifications of permanent national Level II HCPCS codes.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Kimberlee Combs-Miller, CMS HCPCS Workgroup Coordinator
C5-08-27
7500 Security Blvd
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

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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