

July 1, 2013

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Re: Reconsideration of Coding Verification Decision

Xref: 25432460

VELOCITY MS LEFT M BLK	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1493-3-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS LEFT L BLK	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1493-4-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS RIGHT S BLK	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1494-2-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS RIGHT M BLK	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1494-3-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS RIGHT L BLK	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1494-4-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS LEFT S BLK WIDE	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1495-2-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS LEFT M BLK WIDE	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1495-3-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS LEFT L BLK WIDE	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1495-4-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS RIGHT S BLK WIDE	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1496-2-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS RIGHT M BLK WIDE	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1496-3-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS RIGHT L BLK WIDE	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1496-4-06000	L1906
VELOCITY MS LEFT S BLK	DJO GLOBAL LLC	11-1493-2-06000	L1906

Dear Ms Dale Hammer:

As described below, 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) codes 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:

L1906 - Ankle Foot Orthosis, Multiligamentous Ankle Support, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment

The Local Coverage Article for Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses - Policy Article - Effective January 2013 states:

Ankle-foot orthoses described by codes L1900, L1910-L1990 extend well above the ankle (usually to near the top of the calf) and are fastened around the lower leg above the ankle. These features distinguish them from foot orthotics which are shoe inserts that do not extend above the ankle and ankle gauntlets described by codes L1902 – L1907.

The Advisory Article “Coding Guidelines for Ankle Foot Orthoses” posted to the PDAC website on 12/21/11 defines L1906 ANKLE FOOT ORTHOSIS, MULTILIGAMENTOUS ANKLE SUPPORT, PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT as follows:

A multiligamentous ankle support provides control of the ankle joint between the medial and lateral malleoli while allowing for dorsiflexion and plantar flexion. This off-the-shelf ankle support includes a rigid stirrup and foot plate which provides functional tracking of the ankle with hind-foot and mid-foot stability during ambulation. This, in conjunction with wrap-around straps and the inherent gauntlet design, offers areas of multiligamentous support as described by the code. There are no additional HCPCS codes for this type of prefabricated ankle orthosis.

The product submitted for review meets the definition of code L1906 as defined in the Advisory Article. This brace does not extend to near the top of the calf. The product does not extend to the required anatomical site for the code requested, therefore the most appropriate code will remain L1906.

This decision applies to the application we received on April 29, 2013. 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
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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,

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