

September 14, 2011

DJO GLOBAL INC
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Re: Reconsideration of Coding Verification Decision

Xref #: 15768501

Product: AIRLIFT PTTD BRACE, SMALL RIGHT; AIRLIFT PTTD BRACE, SMALL LEFT; AIRLIFT PTTD BRACE, MEDIUM RIGHT; AIRLIFT PTTD BRACE, MEDIUM LEFT; AIRLIFT PTTD BRACE, LARGE RIGHT; AIRLIFT PTTD BRACE, LARGE LEFT

Model number: 02PSR, 02PSL, 02PMR, 02PML, 02PLR, 02PLL

Dear Ms. Hammer:

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor provides Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC has reviewed the above listed product. It is our determination that the Medicare HCPCS code to use when billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) is:

L1902 - ANKLE FOOT ORTHOSIS, ANKLE GAUNTLET, PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT

The code L1906 was not assigned as this product does not have a footplate. In order for an ankle orthosis to provide multiligamentous support to the ankle, it must have a rigid foot plate. This foot plate, which by means of attachment to each side of the ankle, provides functional tracking and offers hind foot and mid foot stability during ambulation. This, in conjunction with wrap around straps and the inherent gauntlet design, offer areas of multiligamentous support as described by the code.

This product also does not meet code L4350 as it is not a stirrup brace. This is a sleeve type device.

Based on the inherent design, this orthosis provides ankle support with longitudinal “air cell” arch support. The orthosis provides rigid support through the ankle and uses wrap around strapping to limit the ankle motion. The orthosis provides ankle gauntlet support in same or similar respects as items coded L1902.

The PDAC provides coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and associated policy article developed by the DME MACs. All products submitted to PDAC for a coding verification review are carefully examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

This decision applies to the application that we received on July 29, 2011. 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. This coding decision will be available within ten (10) working days on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS), which is located on the PDAC web site, www.dmepdac.com. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, related to their current listing on the Product Classification List (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>.

The assignment of a HCPCS code to this product is not an approval or endorsement of the product by Medicare or Noridian Administrative Services, LLC; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the date of this letter. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form located on the PDAC web site at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/requesting.html>. If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, we will treat it as a coding verification review request and require a new application and documentation to support the request.

If you would like to apply for a new coding category, please complete and send the application located at www.cms.gov/MedHCPCSGenInfo/01_overview.asp to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (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
Felicia Eggleston, CMS HCPCS Workgroup Coordinator

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If you have questions about 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.

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