

Pneumatic Compression Devices - Article Retired

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The December 2005 article “**Coverage of E0652 Pneumatic Compression Device**” published by TriCenturion is being retired effective December 19, 2005. The article contains examples of scenarios for which an E0652 device would be reimbursed i.e. painful focal lesions, scars, etc. These examples are incorrect. They were originally present in the CMS national coverage policy effective in 1995, but were removed in a 2003 revision. They should not have been included in this 2005 article. The Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for Pneumatic Compression Devices was revised, removing the examples at the time of the national policy revision.

When an article is retired its provisions are no longer in effect as of the date of the retirement. In this case, since the article contained incorrect information as of the publication date, the retirement date is set as the same date.

Remember that coverage criteria for items are published in National and Local Coverage Determinations. Articles do not establish coverage criteria. They may only be used to explain or clarify policy material.

Refer to the LCD for additional information regarding reimbursement for pneumatic compression devices.