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Revision Ending Date**Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity**

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must: 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. For the items addressed in this medical policy, the criteria for "reasonable and necessary" is defined by the following indications and limitations of coverage and/or medical necessity.

For an item to be covered by Medicare, a written signed and dated order must be received by the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving the completed order, the item will be denied as not medically necessary.

A lower limb prosthesis is covered when the patient:

- 1) Will reach or maintain a defined functional state within a reasonable period of time; and
- 2) Is motivated to ambulate.

FUNCTIONAL LEVELS:

A determination of the medical necessity for certain components/additions to the prosthesis is based on the patient's potential functional abilities. Potential functional ability is based on the reasonable expectations of the prosthetist, and treating physician, considering factors including, but not limited to:

- a) The patient's past history (including prior prosthetic use if applicable); and
- b) The patient's current condition including the status of the residual limb and the nature of other medical problems; and

c) The patient's desire to ambulate.

Clinical assessments of patient rehabilitation potential must be based on the following classification levels:

Level 0: Does not have the ability or potential to ambulate or transfer safely with or without assistance and a prosthesis does not enhance their quality of life or mobility.

Level 1: Has the ability or potential to use a prosthesis for transfers or ambulation on level surfaces at fixed cadence. Typical of the limited and unlimited household ambulator.

Level 2: Has the ability or potential for ambulation with the ability to traverse low level environmental barriers such as curbs, stairs or uneven surfaces. Typical of the limited community ambulator.

Level 3: Has the ability or potential for ambulation with variable cadence. Typical of the community ambulator who has the ability to traverse most environmental barriers and may have vocational, therapeutic, or exercise activity that demands prosthetic utilization beyond simple locomotion.

Level 4: Has the ability or potential for prosthetic ambulation that exceeds basic ambulation skills, exhibiting high impact, stress, or energy levels. Typical of the prosthetic demands of the child, active adult, or athlete.

The records must document the patient's current functional capabilities and his/her expected functional potential, including an explanation for the difference, if that is the case. It is recognized, within the functional classification hierarchy, that bilateral amputees often cannot be strictly bound by functional level classifications.

GENERAL:

If a prosthesis is denied as not medically necessary, related additions will also be denied as not medically necessary.

When an initial below knee prosthesis (L5500) or a preparatory below knee prosthesis (L5510-L5530, L5540) is provided, prosthetic substitutions and/or additions of procedures and components are covered in accordance with the functional level assessment except for codes L5629, L5638, L5639, L5646, L5647, L5704, L5785, L5962, and L5980 which will be denied as not medically necessary. When a below knee preparatory prefabricated prosthesis (L5535) is provided, prosthetic substitutions and/or additions of procedures are covered in accordance with the functional level assessment except for codes L5620, L5629, L5645, L5646, L5670, L5676, L5704, and L5962 which will be denied as not medically necessary.

When an above knee initial prosthesis (L5505) or an above knee preparatory (L5560-L5580, L5590-L5600) prosthesis is provided, prosthetic substitution and/or additions of procedures and components are covered in accordance with the functional level assessment except for codes L5610, L5631, L5640, L5642, L5644, L5648, L5705, L5706, L5964, L5980, and L5710-L5780, L5790-L5795 which will be denied as not medically necessary. When an above knee preparatory prefabricated prosthesis (L5585) is provided, prosthetic substitution and/or additions of procedures and components are covered in accordance with the functional level assessment except for codes L5624, L5631, L5648, L5651, L5652, L5705, L5706, L5964, and L5966 which will be denied as not medically necessary.

In the following sections, the determination of coverage for selected prostheses and components with respect to potential functional levels represents the usual case. Exceptions will be considered in an individual case if additional documentation is included which justifies the medical necessity. Prostheses will be denied as not medically necessary if the patient's potential functional level is 0.

FEET:

A determination of the type of foot for the prosthesis will be made by the treating physician and/or the prosthetist based upon the functional needs of the patient. Basic lower extremity prostheses include a SACH foot. Other prosthetic feet are considered for coverage based upon functional classification.

- An external keel SACH foot (L5970) or single axis ankle/foot (L5974) is covered for patients whose functional level is 1 or above.
- A flexible-keel foot (L5972) or multiaxial ankle/foot (L5978) is covered for patients whose functional level is 2 or above.
- A flex foot system (L5980), energy storing foot (L5976), multiaxial ankle/foot, dynamic response (L5979), flex-walk system or equal (L5981), or shank foot system with vertical loading pylon (L5987) is covered for patients whose functional level is 3 or above.

Coverage is extended only if there is sufficient clinical documentation of functional need for the technologic or design feature of a given type of foot. This information must be retained in the physician's or prosthetist's files.

A user-adjustable heel height feature (L5990) will be denied as not medically necessary.

KNEES:

A determination of the type of knee for the prosthesis will be made by the treating physician and/or the prosthetist based upon the functional needs of the patient. Basic lower extremity prostheses include a single axis, constant friction knee. Other prosthetic knees are considered for coverage based upon functional classification.

- A high activity knee control frame (L5930) is covered for patients whose functional level is 4.
- A fluid, pneumatic, or electronic knee (L5610, L5613, L5614, L5722 - L5780, L5814, L5822-L5840, L5848, L5856, L5857, L5858) is covered for patients whose functional level is 3 or above.
- Other knee systems (L5611, L5616, L5710-L5718, L5810-L5812, L5816, L5818) are covered for patients whose functional level is 1 or above.

Coverage is extended only if there is sufficient clinical documentation of functional need for the technologic or design feature of a given type of knee. This information must be retained in the physician's or prosthetist's files.

ANKLES:

An axial rotation unit (L5982-L5986) is covered for patients whose functional level is 2 or above.

SOCKETS:

More than 2 test (diagnostic) sockets (L5618-L5628) for an individual prosthesis are not medically necessary unless there is documentation in the medical record which justifies the need. Exception: A test socket is not medically necessary for an immediate prosthesis (L5400-L5460).

No more than two of the same socket inserts (L5654-L5665, L5673, L5679, L5681, L5683) are allowed per individual prosthesis at the same time.

Socket replacements are considered medically necessary if there is adequate documentation of functional and/or physiological need. It is recognized that there are situations where the explanation includes but is not limited to: changes in the residual limb; functional need changes; or

irreparable damage or wear/tear due to excessive patient weight or prosthetic demands of very active amputees.

Coverage Topic

Prosthetic Devices

Coding Information

CPT/HCPCS Codes

The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.

HCPCS MODIFIERS:

EY – No physician or other licensed health care provider order for this item or service

K0 - Lower limb extremity prosthesis functional Level 0 - Does not have the ability or potential to ambulate or transfer safely with or without assistance and a prosthesis does not enhance their quality of life or mobility

K1 - Lower extremity prosthesis functional Level 1 - Has the ability or potential to use a prosthesis for transfers or ambulation on level surfaces at fixed cadence. Typical of the limited and unlimited household ambulator.

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K4 - Lower extremity prosthesis functional Level 4 - Has the ability or potential for prosthetic ambulation that exceeds basic ambulation skills, exhibiting high impact, stress, or energy levels. Typical of the prosthetic demands of the child, active adult, or athlete.

LT - Left side

RT - Right side

HCPCS CODES:

L5000 PARTIAL FOOT, SHOE INSERT WITH LONGITUDINAL ARCH, TOE FILLER

L5010 PARTIAL FOOT, MOLDED SOCKET, ANKLE HEIGHT, WITH TOE FILLER

L5020 PARTIAL FOOT, MOLDED SOCKET, TIBIAL TUBERCLE HEIGHT, WITH TOE FILLER

L5050 ANKLE, SYMES, MOLDED SOCKET, SACH FOOT

L5060 ANKLE, SYMES, METAL FRAME, MOLDED LEATHER SOCKET, ARTICULATED ANKLE/FOOT

L5100 BELOW KNEE, MOLDED SOCKET, SHIN, SACH FOOT

L5105 BELOW KNEE, PLASTIC SOCKET, JOINTS AND THIGH LACER, SACH FOOT

L5150 KNEE DISARTICULATION (OR THROUGH KNEE), MOLDED SOCKET, EXTERNAL KNEE JOINTS, SHIN, SACH FOOT

L5160 KNEE DISARTICULATION (OR THROUGH KNEE), MOLDED SOCKET, BENT KNEE

CONFIGURATION, EXTERNAL KNEE JOINTS, SHIN, SACH FOOT

- L5200 ABOVE KNEE, MOLDED SOCKET, SINGLE AXIS CONSTANT FRICTION KNEE, SHIN, SACH FOOT
- L5210 ABOVE KNEE, SHORT PROSTHESIS, NO KNEE JOINT ('STUBBIES'), WITH FOOT BLOCKS, NO ANKLE JOINTS, EACH
- L5220 ABOVE KNEE, SHORT PROSTHESIS, NO KNEE JOINT ('STUBBIES'), WITH ARTICULATED ANKLE/FOOT, DYNAMICALLY ALIGNED, EACH
- L5230 ABOVE KNEE, FOR PROXIMAL FEMORAL FOCAL DEFICIENCY, CONSTANT FRICTION KNEE, SHIN, SACH FOOT
- L5250 HIP DISARTICULATION, CANADIAN TYPE; MOLDED SOCKET, HIP JOINT, SINGLE AXIS CONSTANT FRICTION KNEE, SHIN, SACH FOOT
- L5270 HIP DISARTICULATION, TILT TABLE TYPE; MOLDED SOCKET, LOCKING HIP JOINT, SINGLE AXIS CONSTANT FRICTION KNEE, SHIN, SACH FOOT
- L5280 HEMIPELVECTOMY, CANADIAN TYPE; MOLDED SOCKET, HIP JOINT, SINGLE AXIS CONSTANT FRICTION KNEE, SHIN, SACH FOOT
- L5301 BELOW KNEE, MOLDED SOCKET, SHIN, SACH FOOT, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM
- L5311 KNEE DISARTICULATION (OR THROUGH KNEE), MOLDED SOCKET, EXTERNAL KNEE JOINTS, SHIN, SACH FOOT, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM
- L5321 ABOVE KNEE, MOLDED SOCKET, OPEN END, SACH FOOT, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS KNEE
- L5331 HIP DISARTICULATION, CANADIAN TYPE, MOLDED SOCKET, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIP JOINT, SINGLE AXIS KNEE, SACH FOOT
- L5341 HEMIPELVECTOMY, CANADIAN TYPE, MOLDED SOCKET, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIP JOINT, SINGLE AXIS KNEE, SACH FOOT
- L5400 IMMEDIATE POST SURGICAL OR EARLY FITTING, APPLICATION OF INITIAL RIGID DRESSING, INCLUDING FITTING, ALIGNMENT, SUSPENSION, AND ONE CAST CHANGE, BELOW KNEE
- L5410 IMMEDIATE POST SURGICAL OR EARLY FITTING, APPLICATION OF INITIAL RIGID DRESSING, INCLUDING FITTING, ALIGNMENT AND SUSPENSION, BELOW KNEE, EACH ADDITIONAL CAST CHANGE AND REALIGNMENT
- L5420 IMMEDIATE POST SURGICAL OR EARLY FITTING, APPLICATION OF INITIAL RIGID DRESSING, INCLUDING FITTING, ALIGNMENT AND SUSPENSION AND ONE CAST CHANGE 'AK' OR KNEE DISARTICULATION
- L5430 IMMEDIATE POST SURGICAL OR EARLY FITTING, APPLICATION OF INITIAL RIGID DRESSING, INCL. FITTING, ALIGNMENT AND SUSPENSION, 'AK' OR KNEE DISARTICULATION, EACH ADDITIONAL CAST CHANGE AND REALIGNMENT
- L5450 IMMEDIATE POST SURGICAL OR EARLY FITTING, APPLICATION OF NON-WEIGHT BEARING RIGID DRESSING, BELOW KNEE
- L5460 IMMEDIATE POST SURGICAL OR EARLY FITTING, APPLICATION OF NON-WEIGHT BEARING RIGID DRESSING, ABOVE KNEE
- L5500 INITIAL, BELOW KNEE 'PTB' TYPE SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, PLASTER SOCKET, DIRECT FORMED
- L5505 INITIAL, ABOVE KNEE - KNEE DISARTICULATION, ISCHIAL LEVEL SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, PLASTER SOCKET, DIRECT FORMED

L5510 PREPARATORY, BELOW KNEE 'PTB' TYPE SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, PLASTER SOCKET, MOLDED TO MODEL

L5520 PREPARATORY, BELOW KNEE 'PTB' TYPE SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, THERMOPLASTIC OR EQUAL, DIRECT FORMED

L5530 PREPARATORY, BELOW KNEE 'PTB' TYPE SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, THERMOPLASTIC OR EQUAL, MOLDED TO MODEL

L5535 PREPARATORY, BELOW KNEE 'PTB' TYPE SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, PREFABRICATED, ADJUSTABLE OPEN END SOCKET

L5540 PREPARATORY, BELOW KNEE 'PTB' TYPE SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, LAMINATED SOCKET, MOLDED TO MODEL

L5560 PREPARATORY, ABOVE KNEE- KNEE DISARTICULATION, ISCHIAL LEVEL SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, PLASTER SOCKET, MOLDED TO MODEL

L5570 PREPARATORY, ABOVE KNEE - KNEE DISARTICULATION, ISCHIAL LEVEL SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, THERMOPLASTIC OR EQUAL, DIRECT FORMED

L5580 PREPARATORY, ABOVE KNEE - KNEE DISARTICULATION ISCHIAL LEVEL SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, THERMOPLASTIC OR EQUAL, MOLDED TO MODEL

L5585 PREPARATORY, ABOVE KNEE - KNEE DISARTICULATION, ISCHIAL LEVEL SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, PREFABRICATED ADJUSTABLE OPEN END SOCKET

L5590 PREPARATORY, ABOVE KNEE - KNEE DISARTICULATION ISCHIAL LEVEL SOCKET, NON-ALIGNABLE SYSTEM, PYLON NO COVER, SACH FOOT, LAMINATED SOCKET, MOLDED TO MODEL

L5595 PREPARATORY, HIP DISARTICULATION-HEMIPELVECTOMY, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, THERMOPLASTIC OR EQUAL, MOLDED TO PATIENT MODEL

L5600 PREPARATORY, HIP DISARTICULATION-HEMIPELVECTOMY, PYLON, NO COVER, SACH FOOT, LAMINATED SOCKET, MOLDED TO PATIENT MODEL

L5610 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE, HYDRACADENCE SYSTEM

L5611 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE - KNEE DISARTICULATION, 4 BAR LINKAGE, WITH FRICTION SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5613 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE-KNEE DISARTICULATION, 4 BAR LINKAGE, WITH HYDRAULIC SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5614 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, EXOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE-KNEE DISARTICULATION, 4 BAR LINKAGE, WITH PNEUMATIC SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5616 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE, UNIVERSAL MULTIPLEX SYSTEM, FRICTION SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5617 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, QUICK CHANGE SELF-ALIGNING UNIT, ABOVE KNEE OR BELOW KNEE, EACH

L5618 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TEST SOCKET, SYMES

L5620 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TEST SOCKET, BELOW KNEE

L5622 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TEST SOCKET, KNEE DISARTICULATION

L5624 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TEST SOCKET, ABOVE KNEE

L5626 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TEST SOCKET, HIP DISARTICULATION

L5628 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TEST SOCKET, HEMIPELVECTOMY

L5629 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, ACRYLIC SOCKET

L5630 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SYMES TYPE, EXPANDABLE WALL SOCKET

L5631 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE OR KNEE DISARTICULATION, ACRYLIC SOCKET

L5632 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SYMES TYPE, 'PTB' BRIM DESIGN SOCKET

L5634 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SYMES TYPE, POSTERIOR OPENING (CANADIAN) SOCKET

L5636 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SYMES TYPE, MEDIAL OPENING SOCKET

L5637 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, TOTAL CONTACT

L5638 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, LEATHER SOCKET

L5639 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, WOOD SOCKET

L5640 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, KNEE DISARTICULATION, LEATHER SOCKET

L5642 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, LEATHER SOCKET

L5643 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, HIP DISARTICULATION, FLEXIBLE INNER SOCKET, EXTERNAL FRAME

L5644 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, WOOD SOCKET

L5645 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, FLEXIBLE INNER SOCKET, EXTERNAL FRAME

L5646 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, AIR, FLUID, GEL OR EQUAL, CUSHION SOCKET

L5647 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE SUCTION SOCKET

L5648 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, AIR, FLUID, GEL OR EQUAL, CUSHION SOCKET

L5649 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ISCHIAL CONTAINMENT/NARROW M-L SOCKET

L5650 ADDITIONS TO LOWER EXTREMITY, TOTAL CONTACT, ABOVE KNEE OR KNEE DISARTICULATION SOCKET

L5651 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, FLEXIBLE INNER SOCKET, EXTERNAL FRAME

L5652 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SUCTION SUSPENSION, ABOVE KNEE OR KNEE DISARTICULATION SOCKET

L5653 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, KNEE DISARTICULATION, EXPANDABLE WALL SOCKET

L5654 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SOCKET INSERT, SYMES, (KEMBLO, PELITE, ALIPLAST, PLASTAZOTE OR EQUAL)

L5655 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SOCKET INSERT, BELOW KNEE (KEMBLO, PELITE, ALIPLAST, PLASTAZOTE OR EQUAL)

L5656 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SOCKET INSERT, KNEE DISARTICULATION (KEMBLO, PELITE, ALIPLAST, PLASTAZOTE OR EQUAL)

L5658 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SOCKET INSERT, ABOVE KNEE (KEMBLO, PELITE, ALIPLAST, PLASTAZOTE OR EQUAL)

L5661 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SOCKET INSERT, MULTI-DUROMETER SYMES

L5665 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, SOCKET INSERT, MULTI-DUROMETER, BELOW KNEE

L5666 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, CUFF SUSPENSION

L5668 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, MOLDED DISTAL CUSHION

L5670 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, MOLDED SUPRACONDYLAR SUSPENSION ('PTS' OR SIMILAR)

L5671 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE / ABOVE KNEE SUSPENSION LOCKING MECHANISM (SHUTTLE, LANYARD OR EQUAL), EXCLUDES SOCKET INSERT

L5672 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, REMOVABLE MEDIAL BRIM SUSPENSION

L5673 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE/ABOVE KNEE, CUSTOM FABRICATED FROM EXISTING MOLD OR PREFABRICATED, SOCKET INSERT, SILICONE GEL, ELASTOMERIC OR EQUAL, FOR USE WITH LOCKING MECHANISM

L5676 ADDITIONS TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, KNEE JOINTS, SINGLE AXIS, PAIR

L5677 ADDITIONS TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, KNEE JOINTS, POLYCENTRIC, PAIR

L5678 ADDITIONS TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, JOINT COVERS, PAIR

L5679 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE/ABOVE KNEE, CUSTOM FABRICATED FROM EXISTING MOLD OR PREFABRICATED, SOCKET INSERT, SILICONE GEL, ELASTOMERIC OR EQUAL, NOT FOR USE WITH LOCKING MECHANISM

L5680 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, THIGH LACER, NONMOLDED

L5681 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE/ABOVE KNEE, CUSTOM FABRICATED SOCKET INSERT FOR CONGENITAL OR ATYPICAL TRAUMATIC AMPUTEE, SILICONE GEL, ELASTOMERIC OR EQUAL, FOR USE WITH OR WITHOUT LOCKING MECHANISM, INITIAL ONLY (FOR OTHER THAN INITIAL, USE CODE L5673 OR L5679)

L5682 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, THIGH LACER, GLUTEAL/ISCHIAL, MOLDED

L5683 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE/ABOVE KNEE, CUSTOM FABRICATED SOCKET INSERT FOR OTHER THAN CONGENITAL OR ATYPICAL TRAUMATIC AMPUTEE, SILICONE GEL, ELASTOMERIC OR EQUAL, FOR USE WITH OR WITHOUT LOCKING MECHANISM, INITIAL ONLY (FOR OTHER THAN INITIAL, USE CODE L5673 OR L5679)

L5684 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, FORK STRAP

L5685 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, BELOW KNEE, SUSPENSION/SEALING SLEEVE, WITH OR WITHOUT VALVE, ANY MATERIAL, EACH

L5686 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, BACK CHECK (EXTENSION CONTROL)

L5688 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, WAIST BELT, WEBBING

L5690 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, BELOW KNEE, WAIST BELT, PADDED AND LINED

L5692 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, PELVIC CONTROL BELT, LIGHT

L5694 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, PELVIC CONTROL BELT, PADDED AND LINED

L5695 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE, PELVIC CONTROL, SLEEVE SUSPENSION, NEOPRENE OR EQUAL, EACH

L5696	ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE OR KNEE DISARTICULATION, PELVIC JOINT
L5697	ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE OR KNEE DISARTICULATION, PELVIC BAND
L5698	ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY, ABOVE KNEE OR KNEE DISARTICULATION, SILESIA BANDAGE
L5699	ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, SHOULDER HARNESS
L5700	REPLACEMENT, SOCKET, BELOW KNEE, MOLDED TO PATIENT MODEL
L5701	REPLACEMENT, SOCKET, ABOVE KNEE/KNEE DISARTICULATION, INCLUDING ATTACHMENT PLATE, MOLDED TO PATIENT MODEL
L5702	REPLACEMENT, SOCKET, HIP DISARTICULATION, INCLUDING HIP JOINT, MOLDED TO PATIENT MODEL
L5703	ANKLE, SYMES, MOLDED TO PATIENT MODEL, SOCKET WITHOUT SOLID ANKLE CUSHION HEEL (SACH) FOOT, REPLACEMENT ONLY
L5704	CUSTOM SHAPED PROTECTIVE COVER, BELOW KNEE
L5705	CUSTOM SHAPED PROTECTIVE COVER, ABOVE KNEE
L5706	CUSTOM SHAPED PROTECTIVE COVER, KNEE DISARTICULATION
L5707	CUSTOM SHAPED PROTECTIVE COVER, HIP DISARTICULATION
L5710	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, MANUAL LOCK
L5711	ADDITIONS EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, MANUAL LOCK, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL
L5712	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, FRICTION SWING AND STANCE PHASE CONTROL (SAFETY KNEE)
L5714	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, VARIABLE FRICTION SWING PHASE CONTROL
L5716	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POLYCENTRIC, MECHANICAL STANCE PHASE LOCK
L5718	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POLYCENTRIC, FRICTION SWING AND STANCE PHASE CONTROL
L5722	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, PNEUMATIC SWING, FRICTION STANCE PHASE CONTROL
L5724	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, FLUID SWING PHASE CONTROL
L5726	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, EXTERNAL JOINTS FLUID SWING PHASE CONTROL
L5728	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, FLUID SWING AND STANCE PHASE CONTROL
L5780	ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, PNEUMATIC/HYDRA PNEUMATIC SWING PHASE CONTROL
L5781	ADDITION TO LOWER LIMB PROSTHESIS, VACUUM PUMP, RESIDUAL LIMB VOLUME MANAGEMENT AND MOISTURE EVACUATION SYSTEM
L5782	ADDITION TO LOWER LIMB PROSTHESIS, VACUUM PUMP, RESIDUAL LIMB VOLUME

MANAGEMENT AND MOISTURE EVACUATION SYSTEM, HEAVY DUTY

L5785 ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL SYSTEM, BELOW KNEE, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL (TITANIUM, CARBON FIBER OR EQUAL)

L5790 ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL (TITANIUM, CARBON FIBER OR EQUAL)

L5795 ADDITION, EXOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIP DISARTICULATION, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL (TITANIUM, CARBON FIBER OR EQUAL)

L5810 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, MANUAL LOCK

L5811 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, MANUAL LOCK, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL

L5812 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, FRICTION SWING AND STANCE PHASE CONTROL (SAFETY KNEE)

L5814 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POLYCENTRIC, HYDRAULIC SWING PHASE CONTROL, MECHANICAL STANCE PHASE LOCK

L5816 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POLYCENTRIC, MECHANICAL STANCE PHASE LOCK

L5818 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POLYCENTRIC, FRICTION SWING, AND STANCE PHASE CONTROL

L5822 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, PNEUMATIC SWING, FRICTION STANCE PHASE CONTROL

L5824 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, FLUID SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5826 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, HYDRAULIC SWING PHASE CONTROL, WITH MINIATURE HIGH ACTIVITY FRAME

L5828 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, FLUID SWING AND STANCE PHASE CONTROL

L5830 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, SINGLE AXIS, PNEUMATIC/ SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5840 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE/SHIN SYSTEM, 4-BAR LINKAGE OR MULTIAXIAL, PNEUMATIC SWING PHASE CONTROL

L5845 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL, KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, STANCE FLEXION FEATURE, ADJUSTABLE

L5848 ADDITION TO ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, FLUID STANCE EXTENSION, DAMPENING FEATURE, WITH OR WITHOUT ADJUSTABILITY

L5850 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE OR HIP DISARTICULATION, KNEE EXTENSION ASSIST

L5855 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIP DISARTICULATION, MECHANICAL HIP EXTENSION ASSIST

L5856 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, MICROPROCESSOR CONTROL FEATURE, SWING AND STANCE PHASE, INCLUDES ELECTRONIC SENSOR(S), ANY TYPE

L5857 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, MICROPROCESSOR CONTROL FEATURE, SWING PHASE ONLY, INCLUDES ELECTRONIC SENSOR(S), ANY TYPE

L5858 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE SHIN SYSTEM, MICROPROCESSOR CONTROL FEATURE, STANCE PHASE ONLY, INCLUDES ELECTRONIC SENSOR(S), ANY TYPE

L5910 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, BELOW KNEE, ALIGNABLE SYSTEM

L5920 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE OR HIP DISARTICULATION, ALIGNABLE SYSTEM

L5925 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE, KNEE DISARTICULATION OR HIP DISARTICULATION, MANUAL LOCK

L5930 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIGH ACTIVITY KNEE CONTROL FRAME

L5940 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, BELOW KNEE, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL (TITANIUM, CARBON FIBER OR EQUAL)

L5950 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL (TITANIUM, CARBON FIBER OR EQUAL)

L5960 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIP DISARTICULATION, ULTRA-LIGHT MATERIAL (TITANIUM, CARBON FIBER OR EQUAL)

L5962 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, BELOW KNEE, FLEXIBLE PROTECTIVE OUTER SURFACE COVERING SYSTEM

L5964 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, ABOVE KNEE, FLEXIBLE PROTECTIVE OUTER SURFACE COVERING SYSTEM

L5966 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, HIP DISARTICULATION, FLEXIBLE PROTECTIVE OUTER SURFACE COVERING SYSTEM

L5968 ADDITION TO LOWER LIMB PROSTHESIS, MULTIAXIAL ANKLE WITH SWING PHASE ACTIVE DORSIFLEXION FEATURE

L5970 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, FOOT, EXTERNAL KEEL, SACH FOOT

L5971 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, SOLID ANKLE CUSHION HEEL (SACH) FOOT, REPLACEMENT ONLY

L5972 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, FLEXIBLE KEEL FOOT (SAFE, STEN, BOCK DYNAMIC OR EQUAL)

L5974 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, FOOT, SINGLE AXIS ANKLE/FOOT

L5975 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, COMBINATION SINGLE AXIS ANKLE AND FLEXIBLE KEEL FOOT

L5976 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, ENERGY STORING FOOT (SEATTLE CARBON COPY II OR EQUAL)

L5978 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, FOOT, MULTIAXIAL ANKLE/FOOT

L5979 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, MULTI-AXIAL ANKLE, DYNAMIC RESPONSE FOOT, ONE PIECE SYSTEM

L5980 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, FLEX FOOT SYSTEM

L5981 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, FLEX-WALK SYSTEM OR EQUAL

L5982 ALL EXOSKELETAL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, AXIAL ROTATION UNIT

L5984 ALL ENDOSKELETAL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, AXIAL ROTATION UNIT, WITH OR WITHOUT ADJUSTABILITY

L5985 ALL ENDOSKELETAL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, DYNAMIC PROSTHETIC PYLON

L5986 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESES, MULTI-AXIAL ROTATION UNIT ('MCP' OR EQUAL)

L5987 ALL LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, SHANK FOOT SYSTEM WITH VERTICAL LOADING PYLON

L5988 ADDITION TO LOWER LIMB PROSTHESIS, VERTICAL SHOCK REDUCING PYLON FEATURE

L5990 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, USER ADJUSTABLE HEEL HEIGHT

L5999 LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

L7367 LITHIUM ION BATTERY, REPLACEMENT

L7368 LITHIUM ION BATTERY CHARGER

L7510 REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC DEVICE, REPAIR OR REPLACE MINOR PARTS

L7520 REPAIR PROSTHETIC DEVICE, LABOR COMPONENT, PER 15 MINUTES

L7600 PROSTHETIC DONNING SLEEVE, ANY MATERIAL, EACH

L8400 PROSTHETIC SHEATH, BELOW KNEE, EACH

L8410 PROSTHETIC SHEATH, ABOVE KNEE, EACH

L8417 PROSTHETIC SHEATH/SOCK, INCLUDING A GEL CUSHION LAYER, BELOW KNEE OR ABOVE KNEE, EACH

L8420 PROSTHETIC SOCK, MULTIPLE PLY, BELOW KNEE, EACH

L8430 PROSTHETIC SOCK, MULTIPLE PLY, ABOVE KNEE, EACH

L8440 PROSTHETIC SHRINKER, BELOW KNEE, EACH

L8460 PROSTHETIC SHRINKER, ABOVE KNEE, EACH

L8470 PROSTHETIC SOCK, SINGLE PLY, FITTING, BELOW KNEE, EACH

L8480 PROSTHETIC SOCK, SINGLE PLY, FITTING, ABOVE KNEE, EACH

ICD-9 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

Diagnoses that Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

ICD-9 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity Asterisk Explanation

Diagnoses that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Not specified.

General Information

Documentation Requirements

Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider." It is expected that the patient's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The patient's medical records include the physician's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be available upon request.

An order for the prosthesis including each separately billed component must be signed and dated by the treating physician, kept on file by the supplier, and be available upon request. Items billed before a signed and dated order has been received by the supplier must be submitted with an EY modifier added to each affected HCPCS code.

Adjustments and repairs of prostheses and prosthetic components are covered under the original order. Claims involving the replacement of a prosthesis or major component (foot, ankle, knee, socket) must be supported by a new physician's order.

The prosthetist must retain documentation of the prosthesis or prosthetic component replaced, the reason for replacement, and a description of the labor involved irrespective of the time since the prosthesis was provided to the beneficiary. This information must be available upon request. It is recognized that there are situations where the reason for replacement includes but is not limited to: changes in the residual limb; functional need changes; or irreparable damage or wear/tear due to excessive patient weight or prosthetic demands of very active amputees.

When submitting a prosthetic claim, the billed code for knees, feet and ankles (HCPCS codes L5610-L5616, L5710-L5780, L5810-L5840, L5848, L5856, L5857, L5858, L5930, L5970-L5987) components must be submitted with modifiers K0 - K4, indicating the expected patient functional level. (For L5930, the requirement to use the appropriate K modifier on the claim is effective for claims with dates of service on or after 5/1/06.) This expectation of functional ability information must be clearly documented and retained in the prosthetist's records. The simple entry of a K modifier in those records is not sufficient. There must be information about the patient's history and current condition which supports the designation of the functional level by the prosthetist.

Refer to the Supplier Manual for more information on documentation requirements.

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity.

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision

Reserved for future use.

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06/29/1994

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HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Deleted: L5993 – L5995

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INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Moved: Noncoverage statement for user adjustable heel heights from Policy Article.

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INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Removed references to the DMERC.

HCPCS CODES:

Added: L5993, L5994

Revised: L5848, L5995

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Removed references to the DMERC.

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Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2006

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Updated section with HCPCS code changes.

Corrected code range for level 1 knee additions.

Added functional level requirement for high activity knee control frame (L5930).

HCPCS CODES:

Added: L5703, L5858, L5971, L7600

Deleted: K0670

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Updated section with HCPCS code changes.

Added L5930 to list of codes requiring a K modifier – effective for dates of service on or after

5/1/06.

Revision Effective Date: 04/01/2005

LMRP converted to LCD and Policy Article

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: K0670, L5685, L5856, L5857

Discontinued: L5674, L5675, L5846, L5847, L5989, L8490

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Revised general statement concerning coverage of additions

Added code L5679 and deleted code L5671 from socket insert utilization guideline

Revision Effective Date: 04/01/2004

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: L5673, L5679, L5681, L5683

Revised: L5646, L5648, L5848, L5984

Discontinued: K0556- K0559

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Adds code L5987 to the list of codes requiring a functional level 3 or above for coverage.

Adds code L5989 to the list of knee options requiring a functional level 3 or above for coverage.

Adds codes L5671, L5673, L5681, L5683 to the frequency guidelines for socket inserts.

CODING GUIDELINES:

Revises references to discontinued codes.

Revises coding guidelines for L5647 and L5652.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Adds codes L5846-L5848, L5987, L5989 to the list of codes requiring a K modifier.

Revision Effective Date: 04/01/2003

HCPCS CODES AND MODIFIERS:

Added: K0556-K0559, L5781-L5782, L5848, L5995, L7367-L7368, EY

Discontinued: L5660, L5662-L5664

INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF COVERAGE:

Adds standard language concerning coverage of items without an order.

Revises information about coverage of prostheses in SNFs.

Adds protective covers (L5704-L5705) and flexible protective surface coverings (L5962, L5964) to the list of codes that will be denied if billed with an initial or preparatory prosthesis.

Adds code L5814 and the electronic knee codes L5846-L5848 to the list of those requiring a functional level 3 or above.

CODING GUIDELINES:

Adds guidelines for K0556-K0559, L5647, and L5672.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Adds standard language concerning use of EY modifier for items without an order.

OTHER COMMENTS:

Moves Definitions section to this section.

The revision dates listed below are the dates the revisions were published and not necessarily the effective dates for the revisions.

04/01/2002 - Included HCPCS code changes that have been made since the policy was last published – L5301-5341, L5671, L5704-L5707, L5847, L5968, L5975, L5979, L5988-L5990, L8420, L8430, L8470, L8480. Added statements concerning provision of prostheses to patients prior to discharge from a hospital or SNF which have been previously published in Region D newsletters. Revised section on replacement of Prostheses. Added coding guidelines on suspension locking Mechanisms. Clarified documentation needed to support the use of a K modifier on a claim.

03/01/1998 – Added "pylon" to descriptions for HCPCS codes L5510-L5590. Updated descriptions for HCPCS codes L5826 and L5999.

12/01/1997 – The description of HCPCS L5614 was changed to read "Addition to Lower Extremity, Exoskeletal System, Above Knee-Knee Disarticulation, 4 Bar Linkage, with Pneumatic Swing Phase Control." Endoskeletal systems that were previously described by code L5614 should now be billed under code L5840. Code L5614 is now reserved for exoskeletal systems. (Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 1998.)

12/01/1996 – Revised descriptions for HCPCS codes L5500, L5505, L5610, L5611, L5613, L5614, L5616, L5667, 5668, L5780, L5979, L8440 and L8460. Added codes L5617, L5814, L5845, L5846, L5930, L5985, L5987, L7520 (cross walk from K0285) and L8417. Deleted code L7500. Added information for code L5617 in Coverage and Payment Rules section. Revised policy to allow coverage for L5611 and L5616 for patients with functional level 1 or above.

04/01/1996 – Revised description for HCPCS code L5200.

10/01/1995 – Revised Documentation section adding codes requiring K0-K5 modifiers (effective 12/01/1995).

Reason for Change

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Related Documents

Article(s)

[A25310 - Lower Limb Protheses - Policy Article - Effective October 2008](#)

LCD Attachments

There are no attachments for this LCD

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NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES

GENERAL

A repair is a restoration of the prosthesis to correct problems due to wear or damage.

An adjustment is any modification to the prosthesis due to a change in the patient's condition or to improve the function of the prosthesis.

The following items are included in the reimbursement for a prosthesis and, therefore, are not separately billable to Medicare under the prosthetic benefit:

- Evaluation of the residual limb and gait
- Fitting of the prosthesis
- Cost of base component parts and labor contained in HCPCS base codes
- Repairs due to normal wear or tear within 90 days of delivery
- Adjustments of the prosthesis or the prosthetic component made when fitting the prosthesis or component and for 90 days from the date of delivery when the adjustments are not necessitated by changes in the residual limb or the patient's functional abilities.

Payment for a prosthesis is included in the payment to a hospital if:

- 1) The prosthesis is provided to a patient during an inpatient hospital stay prior to the day of discharge; and
- 2) The patient uses the prosthesis for medically necessary inpatient treatment or rehabilitation.

A claim must not be submitted in this situation.

Payment for a prosthesis described by codes L5000-L5020 and L5400-L5460 is included in the payment to a SNF if:

- 1) The prosthesis is provided to a patient during Medicare Part A covered SNF stay prior to the day of discharge; and
- 2) The patient uses the prosthesis for medically necessary inpatient treatment or rehabilitation.

A claim must not be submitted in this situation. Claims for other lower limb prostheses provided to patients in a Part A covered SNF stay and claims for any lower limb prosthesis provided in a SNF when the stay is not covered by Part A are submitted to the DME MAC.

Payment for a prosthesis delivered to a patient in a hospital or SNF is eligible for coverage if:

- 1) The prosthesis is medically necessary for a patient after discharge from a hospital or Part A covered SNF stay; and
- 2) The prosthesis is provided to the patient within two days prior to discharge to home; and
- 3) The prosthesis is not needed for inpatient treatment or rehabilitation, but is left in the room for

the patient to take home.

ADJUSTMENTS, REPAIRS, AND COMPONENT REPLACEMENT

Routine periodic servicing, such as testing, cleaning, and checking of the prosthesis is noncovered. Adjustments to a prosthesis required by wear or by a change in the patient's condition are covered under the initial physician's order for the prosthesis for the life of the prosthesis.

Repairs to a prosthesis are covered when necessary to make the prosthesis functional. If the expense for repairs exceeds the estimated expense of purchasing another entire prosthesis, no payments can be made for the amount of the excess. Maintenance which may be necessitated by manufacturer's recommendations or the construction of the prosthesis and must be performed by the prosthetist is covered as a repair.

Replacement of a prosthesis or prosthetic component is covered if the treating physician orders a replacement device or part because of any of the following:

- 1) A change in the physiological condition of the patient; or
- 2) Irreparable wear of the device or a part of the device; or
- 3) The condition of the device, or part of the device, requires repairs and the cost of such repairs would be more than 60% of the cost of a replacement device, or of the part being replaced.

Replacement of a prosthesis or prosthetic components required because of loss or irreparable damage may be reimbursed without a physician's order when it is determined that the prosthesis as originally ordered still fills the patient's medical needs.

MISCELLANEOUS

A prosthetic donning sleeve (L7600) will be denied as noncovered.

CODING GUIDELINES

Adjustments and repairs are billed as a labor charge using HCPCS code L7520 (one unit of service representing 15 minutes of labor time). Documentation must exist in the supplier's records indicating the precise adjustments and/or repairs performed and actual time involved. The time reported for L7520 must only be for laboratory repair time and associated prosthetic evaluation. Evaluation not associated with repair or adjustment is noncovered and must not be coded with L7520. The time for patient evaluation, gait instruction, and other general education must not be reported with code L7520.

The L7510 code is used to bill for any "minor" materials (those without specific HCPCS codes) used to achieve the adjustment and/or repair.

Replacement of components (except sockets) are billed using the code for the component with the addition of the RP modifier. Socket replacements are identified by the codes L5700-L5703. Since these codes are defined as a replacement, the modifier RP must not be used. The submitted charge for replacements includes both the cost of the component and the labor associated with the removal, replacement, and finishing of that component. Labor associated with replacement must not be reported using code L7520.

Code L5671 includes both the part of the suspension locking mechanism that is integrated into the prosthesis socket and the pin(s), lanyard, or other component which is attached to the socket insert. L5671 does not include the socket insert itself. The socket inserts used in conjunction with a suspension locking mechanism are billed with codes L5673, L5679, L5681, or L5683, as appropriate. These codes include socket inserts with or without a distal umbrella adapter for

attaching the pin or lanyard of the locking mechanism.

Codes L5681 and L5683 are for use only with the initial issue of a custom fabricated socket insert. Additional inserts (either custom fabricated or prefabricated) provided at the time of initial issue or replacement socket inserts are coded L5673 and L5679, whichever is applicable.

Codes L5647 and L5652 describe a modification to a prosthetic socket that incorporates a suction valve in the design. The items described by these codes are not components of a suspension locking mechanism (L5671).

With the exception of items described by specific HCPCS codes, there should be no separate billing and there is no separate payment for a component or feature of a microprocessor controlled knee, including but not limited to real time gait analysis, continuous gait assessment, or electronically controlled static stance regulator.

Codes L5940-L5960 for ultra-light materials may only be used when components of an endoskeletal prosthesis other than the socket and other than a knee-shin system billed with code L5811 are made of materials such as titanium or carbon fiber. For codes L5940-L5960, the unit of service is per limb. Therefore, if multiple ultralightweight components are provided in a single endoskeletal prosthesis, only one unit of service may be billed.

Foot covers are included in the codes for a prosthetic foot component and are not separately payable.

The right (RT) and left (LT) modifiers must be used with prosthesis codes. When the same code for prostheses, sockets, or components for bilateral amputees are billed on the same date of service, the items (RT and LT) will be entered on the same line of the claim using the LTRT modifiers and billed with 2 units of service.

Suppliers should contact the DME Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding Contractor (PDAC) for guidance on the correct coding of these items.

Coverage Topic

Prosthetic Devices

Coding Information

No Coding Information has been entered in this section of the article.

Other Information

Other Comments

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Revision History Explanation

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NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:

Moved: Noncoverage statement for user adjustable heel heights to LCD.

CODING GUIDELINES:

Revised: Coding guidance for microprocessor controlled knees.

Substituted: PDAC for SADMERC.

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NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:

Removed references to DMERC.

CODING GUIDELINES:

Revised definition of suction socket codes L5647 and L5652.

03/01/2006 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, this article was transitioned to DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) from DMERC Tricenturion (77011).

Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2006

NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:

Added noncoverage statement for prosthetic donning sleeves.

Added noncoverage statement for user-adjustable heel height.

CODING GUIDELINES:

Updated section with HCPCS code changes

Added statement concerning prosthetic foot covers.

Added statement concerning ultralightweight material.

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LMRP converted to LCD and Policy Article

CODING GUIDELINES:

Added statement about coding of microprocessor controlled knees.

06/01/2007 - In accordance with Section 911 of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, Virginia and West Virginia were transitioned from DME PSC TriCenturion (77011) to DME PSC TrustSolutions (77012).

Related Documents

LCD(s)

[L11464 - Lower Limb Protheses](#)