

March 6, 2015

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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

Xref: 37781649

OTTOBOCK UNIVERSAL CERVICAL ORTHOSIS	OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE	50C82	L0174
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Dear Kimberly Hanson:

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:

L0174 - Cervical, Collar, Semi-Rigid, Thermoplastic Foam, Two Piece With Thoracic Extension, Prefabricated, Off-The-Shelf

The requested code L0180 is a multiple post cervical collar with occipital/mandibular supports. The product submitted for review does not have posts. It is a cervical collar that extends to the manubrium sternum anteriorly and to the thoracic vertebra T-1 posteriorly.

The Advisory Article "Correct Coding – L0174 Coding Review," published 6/06/11 on the PDAC website states:

HCPCS code L0174 (CERVICAL, COLLAR, SEMI-RIGID, THERMOPLASTIC FOAM, TWO PIECE WITH THORACIC EXTENTION) describes a cervical collar that is constructed of thermoplastic foam. It is a two piece system with posterior and anterior thoracic extensions. The thoracic extension must overlap the manubrium sternum anteriorly and to the thoracic vertebra T-1 posteriorly.

The OTTOBOCK UNIVERSAL CERVICAL ORTHOSIS is the same or similar to other products coded L0174. This product meets the description and criteria for code L0174.

This decision applies to the application we received on December 30, 2014. 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 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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