

August 16, 2013

US ORTHOTICS INC
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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

Xref: 26132791

PRO-V	US ORTHOTICS INC	V6	L0456
PRO-V	US ORTHOTICS INC	V7	L0456

Dear Anthony Velazquez:

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:

L0456 - Tlso, Flexible, Provides Trunk Support, Thoracic Region, Rigid Posterior Panel And Soft Anterior Apron, Extends From The Sacrococcygeal Junction And Terminates Just Inferior To The Scapular Spine, Restricts Gross Trunk Motion In The Sagittal Plane, Produces Intracavitary Pressure To Reduce Load On The Intervertebral Disks, Includes Straps And Closures, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment

According to the Article for Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO - Policy Article - Effective January 2013:

For an item to be classified as a TLSO the posterior portion of the brace must extend from the sacrococcygeal junction to just inferior to the scapular spine. This excludes elastic or equal shoulder straps or other strapping methods. The anterior portion of the orthosis must at a minimum extend from the symphysis pubis to the xiphoid. Some TLSOs may require the anterior portion of the orthosis to extend up to the sternal notch.

The description for HCPCS code L0458 states that lateral strength is provided by overlapping plastic and the anterior portion must extend from the symphysis pubis to the xyphoid. The products submitted for review do not have overlapping plastic. Also, the anterior panels do not meet the height requirements of extending from the symphysis pubis to the xyphoid. As a result, these products do not provide the required transverse or coronal control; therefore, HCPCS code L0456 is the most appropriate code for the product submitted.

This decision applies to the application we received on June 10, 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 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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