

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Heating Pads and Heat Lamps (L33784)

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CMS National Coverage Policy

CMS Manual System, Pub. 100-3, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Chapter 1, Section 280.1

Coverage Guidance

Coverage Indications, Limitations, 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.

The purpose of a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is to provide information regarding "reasonable and necessary" criteria based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions.

In addition to the “reasonable and necessary” criteria contained in this LCD there are other payment rules, which are discussed in the following documents, that must also be met prior to Medicare reimbursement:

- The LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- The LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.
- Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

For the items addressed in this LCD, the “reasonable and necessary” criteria, based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions, are defined by the following coverage indications, limitations and/or medical necessity.

A standard electric heating pad (E0210) is covered to relieve certain types of pain, decrease joint and soft tissue stiffness, relax muscles, or reduce inflammation.

A heating pad is not reasonable and necessary to treat pain due to peripheral neuropathy, including but not limited to diabetic neuropathy.

It has not been established that a moist electric heating pad (E0215) or water circulating heat pad with pump (E0217) is reasonable and necessary compared to a standard electric heating pad (E0210); therefore, if code E0215 or E0217 is provided it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Heating pads that do not meet the definitions listed in the Coding Guidelines section of the related Policy Article and that are billed with code E1399 will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Because a water circulating heating pad system is not medically necessary, a replacement pump (E0236) or pad (E0249, A9999) will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

The safety and effectiveness of using a heat lamp (E0200, E0205) in the home setting is not established. Claims for these items will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

GENERAL

A Detailed Written Order (DWO) (if applicable) 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 a completed DWO, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

An item/service is correctly coded when it meets all the coding guidelines listed in CMS HCPCS guidelines, LCDs, LCD-related Policy Articles, or DME MAC articles. Claims that do not meet coding guidelines shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary/incorrectly coded.

Proof of delivery (POD) is a Supplier Standard and DMEPOS suppliers are required to maintain POD documentation in their files. Proof of delivery documentation must be made available to the Medicare contractor upon request. All services that do not have appropriate proof of delivery from the supplier shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

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N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph:

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

HCPCS CODES:

Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
A9273	HOT WATER BOTTLE, ICE CAP OR COLLAR, HEAT AND/OR COLD WRAP, ANY TYPE
A9999	MISCELLANEOUS DME SUPPLY OR ACCESSORY, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
E0200	HEAT LAMP, WITHOUT STAND (TABLE MODEL), INCLUDES BULB, OR INFRARED ELEMENT
E0205	HEAT LAMP, WITH STAND, INCLUDES BULB, OR INFRARED ELEMENT

CODE	DESCRIPTION
E0210	ELECTRIC HEAT PAD, STANDARD
E0215	ELECTRIC HEAT PAD, MOIST
E0217	WATER CIRCULATING HEAT PAD WITH PUMP
E0225	HYDROCOLLATOR UNIT, INCLUDES PADS
E0236	PUMP FOR WATER CIRCULATING PAD
E0239	HYDROCOLLATOR UNIT, PORTABLE
E0249	PAD FOR WATER CIRCULATING HEAT UNIT, FOR REPLACEMENT ONLY
E1399	DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

N/A

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph:

Not specified

Group 1 Codes: N/A

Additional ICD-10 Information

N/A

General Information

Associated 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 beneficiary's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The beneficiary's medical records include the treating practitioner'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.

GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to justify payment for DMEPOS items, suppliers must meet the following requirements:

- Prescription (orders)

- Medical Record Information (including continued need/use if applicable)
- Correct Coding
- Proof of Delivery

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding these requirements.

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

Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Items covered in this LCD have additional policy-specific requirements that must be met prior to Medicare reimbursement.

Refer to the LCD-related Policy article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information.

Miscellaneous

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision

N/A

Revision History Information

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07/01/2016	R2	<p>Effective July 1, 2016 oversight for DME MAC LCDs is the responsibility of CGS Administrators, LLC 18003 and 17013 and Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC 19003 and 16013. No other changes have been made to the LCDs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Assigned States or Affiliated Contract Numbers
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Associated Documents

Attachments

N/A

Related Local Coverage Documents

Article(s)

A52502 - Heating Pads and Heat Lamps - Policy Article

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

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END OF LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION

Per the Code of Federal Regulations, 42 C.F.R § 426. 325, only those portions of the currently effective Local Coverage Determination (LCD) that are based on section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, may be challenged through an acceptable complaint as described in 42 C.F.R § 426.400. Also, per 42 C.F.R § 426.325 items that are not reviewable, and therefore cannot be challenged, include the Policy Article. Please note the distinction of the documents when reviewing the materials.

Local Coverage Article: Heating Pads and Heat Lamps - Policy Article (A52502)

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES

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Heating pads are covered under the Durable Medical Equipment benefit (Social Security Act §1861(s)(6)). In order for a beneficiary's equipment to be eligible for reimbursement the reasonable and necessary (R&N) requirements set out in the related Local Coverage Determination must be met. In addition, there are specific statutory payment policy requirements, discussed below, that also must be met.

A nonelectric heating pad or wrap (A9273) does not meet the definition of durable medical equipment (DME) and will be denied as noncovered.

Hydrocollator units (E0225, E0239) are considered institutional equipment and will be denied as statutorily noncovered.

POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to policy specific documentation requirements, there are general documentation requirements that are applicable to all DMEPOS policies. These general requirements are located in the DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS section of the LCD.

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this Policy Article under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS and the POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.

CODING GUIDELINES

A standard electric heating pad (E0210) is a flexible device containing electric resistive elements producing heat. It must have a fabric cover. It must have a timing device for automatic shut-off. It may include heat-retaining material (e.g., gel, fluid, vegetable matter). If so, the heat retaining materials must be contained in an enclosed pouch or bag in or around the heating elements. The heating pad must be certified by an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (29 CFR 1910.7). A heating pad that includes a cover or other element that utilizes water vapor (humidity) drawn from the air to create moisture when heated is billed using this code.

A moist electric heating pad (E0215) is a flexible device containing electric resistive elements producing heat. It must have a fabric cover. It must have a timing device for automatic shut-off. It must have a component that absorbs and retains liquid water. The water containing element must be protected from contact with the electrical components and the water must be in direct contact with the skin on application. The heating pad must be certified by an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (29 CFR 1910.7). A cover or other element that utilizes water vapor (humidity) drawn from the air to create moisture when heated does not meet the definition of this code. Water must be added to the device to meet the description of this code.

A water circulating heat pad with pump (E0217) is a flexible pad containing a series of channels through which water is circulated by means of an electrical pumping mechanism. The water is heated in an external reservoir. The pump, pad, and all accessories needed for the pad to be functional are included in the code. The device must be certified by an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (29 CFR 1910.7).

A hydrocollator unit (E0225, E0239) is a container which is filled with water and then heated. Bags of silicone dioxide or other material are placed in the heated water. These packs/pads are then applied to the body part over towels. They are used to heat the body part prior to physical therapy.

Code E0249 is a durable replacement pad used with a water circulating heat pump system (E0217). It is made of rubber, heavy plastic, or durable fabric. It can be cleaned and is designed for long term use. A replacement pad made of other material that is designed for shorter term use must be billed using code A9999 (Miscellaneous DME supply or accessory, not otherwise specified).

Heating pads that do not meet the coding criteria described above for E0210, E0215 or E0217 must be billed with code E1399.

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

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

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CPT/HCPCS Codes

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ICD-10 Codes that are Covered

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ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered

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