

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices (L33785)

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CMS National Coverage Policy N/A

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.

High frequency chest wall oscillation devices (HFCWO) (E0483) are covered for beneficiaries who meet:

A. Criterion 1, 2, or 3, and

B. Criterion 4

1. There is a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (see diagnosis codes that support medical necessity section below).
2. There is a diagnosis of bronchiectasis (see diagnosis codes that support medical necessity section below) which has been confirmed by a high resolution, spiral, or standard CT scan and which is characterized by:
 - a. Daily productive cough for at least 6 continuous months; or
 - b. Frequent (i.e., more than 2/year) exacerbations requiring antibiotic therapy.
3. Chronic bronchitis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in the absence of a confirmed diagnosis of bronchiectasis do not meet this criterion.

The beneficiary has one of the following neuromuscular disease diagnoses (see diagnosis codes that support medical necessity section below):

Post-polio
Acid maltase deficiency
Anterior horn cell diseases
Multiple sclerosis
Quadriplegia
Hereditary muscular dystrophy
Myotonic disorders
Other myopathies
Paralysis of the diaphragm

4. There must be well-documented failure of standard treatments to adequately mobilize retained secretions.

If all of the criteria are not met, the claim will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

It is not reasonable and necessary for a beneficiary to use both a HFCWO device and a mechanical in-exsufflation device (E0482).

Replacement supplies, A7025 and A7026, used with beneficiary owned equipment, are covered if the beneficiary meets the criteria listed above for the base device, E0483. If these criteria are not met claims 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.

For Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) base items that require a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD), the supplier must also obtain a DWO before submitting a claim for any associated options, accessories, and/or supplies that are separately billed. In this scenario, if the supplier bills for associated options, accessories, and/or supplies without first receiving a completed DWO, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

A WOPD (if applicable) must be received by the supplier before a DMEPOS item is delivered to a beneficiary. If a supplier delivers a DMEPOS item without first receiving a completed WOPD, the claim shall be statutorily denied. Refer to the LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.

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.

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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

GA - Waiver of liability statement issued as required by payer policy, individual case

GZ - Item or service expected to be denied as not reasonable and necessary

KX - Requirements specified in the medical policy have been met

HCPCS CODES:

Group 1 Codes:

- A7025 HIGH FREQUENCY CHEST WALL OSCILLATION SYSTEM VEST, REPLACEMENT FOR USE WITH PATIENT OWNED EQUIPMENT, EACH
- A7026 HIGH FREQUENCY CHEST WALL OSCILLATION SYSTEM HOSE, REPLACEMENT FOR USE WITH PATIENT OWNED EQUIPMENT, EACH
- E0483 HIGH FREQUENCY CHEST WALL OSCILLATION AIR-PULSE GENERATOR SYSTEM, (INCLUDES HOSES AND VEST), EACH

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: The presence of an ICD-10 code listed in this section is not sufficient by itself to assure coverage. Refer to the section on "Indications and Limitations of Coverage and/or Medical Necessity" for other coverage criteria and payment information.

Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 Codes	Description
A15.0	Tuberculosis of lung
B91	Sequelae of poliomyelitis
D81.810	Biotinidase deficiency
D84.1	Defects in the complement system
E84.0	Cystic fibrosis with pulmonary manifestations
E84.9	Cystic fibrosis, unspecified
G12.0	Infantile spinal muscular atrophy, type I [Werdnig-Hoffman]
G12.1	Other inherited spinal muscular atrophy
G12.20	Motor neuron disease, unspecified
G12.21	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
G12.22	Progressive bulbar palsy
G12.29	Other motor neuron disease
G12.8	Other spinal muscular atrophies and related syndromes
G12.9	Spinal muscular atrophy, unspecified
G14	Postpolio syndrome
G35	Multiple sclerosis
G71.0	Muscular dystrophy
G71.11	Myotonic muscular dystrophy
G71.12	Myotonia congenita
G71.13	Myotonic chondrodystrophy
G71.14	Drug induced myotonia
G71.19	Other specified myotonic disorders
G71.2	Congenital myopathies
G71.3	Mitochondrial myopathy, not elsewhere classified
G71.8	Other primary disorders of muscles
G72.0	Drug-induced myopathy

ICD-10 Codes	Description
G72.1	Alcoholic myopathy
G72.2	Myopathy due to other toxic agents
G72.89	Other specified myopathies
G73.7	Myopathy in diseases classified elsewhere
G82.50	Quadriplegia, unspecified
G82.51	Quadriplegia, C1-C4 complete
G82.52	Quadriplegia, C1-C4 incomplete
G82.53	Quadriplegia, C5-C7 complete
G82.54	Quadriplegia, C5-C7 incomplete
J47.0	Bronchiectasis with acute lower respiratory infection
J47.1	Bronchiectasis with (acute) exacerbation
J47.9	Bronchiectasis, uncomplicated
J98.6	Disorders of diaphragm
M33.02	Juvenile dermatomyositis with myopathy
M33.12	Other dermatomyositis with myopathy
M33.22	Polymyositis with myopathy
M33.92	Dermatomyositis, unspecified with myopathy
M34.82	Systemic sclerosis with myopathy
M35.03	Sicca syndrome with myopathy
Q33.4	Congenital bronchiectasis

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: All ICD-10 codes that are not specified in the previous section

Group 1 Codes: N/A

ICD-10 Additional Information

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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

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Revision History Information

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07/01/2016	R3	Revision Effective Date 07/01/2016 COVERAGE INDICATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND/OR MEDICAL NECESSITY: Revised: Standard Documentation language - ACA order requirements - Effective 04/28/16 DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Revised: Standard documentation language for orders, ACA order requirements, added New order requirements, and Correct coding instructions; revised Proof of delivery instructions - Effective 04/28/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provider Education/Guidance
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Associated Documents

Attachments N/A

Related Local Coverage Documents Article(s) [A52494 - High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices - 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: High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation Devices - Policy Article (A52494)

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES

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. Information provided in this policy article relates to determinations other than those based on Social Security Act §1862(a)(1)(A) provisions (i.e. "reasonable and necessary").

High frequency chest wall oscillation devices 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.

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 discussed below.

Requirements for specified DMEPOS items pursuant to 42 CFR 410.38(g)

42 CFR 410.38(g) requires a face-to-face evaluation and a specific written order prior to delivery for specified HCPCS codes. CMS provides a list of the specified codes, which is periodically updated, located [here](#).

Claims for the specified items subject to 42 CFR 410.38(g) that do not meet the requirements specified in the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article will be denied as statutorily noncovered – failed to meet statutory requirements.

If the supplier delivers the item prior to receipt of a written order, it will be denied as statutorily noncovered. If the written order is not obtained prior to delivery, payment will not be made for that item even if a written order is subsequently obtained. If a similar item is subsequently provided by an unrelated supplier who has obtained a written order prior to delivery, it will be eligible for coverage.

The diagnosis code that justifies the need for these items must be included on the claim.

MODIFIERS

KX, GA, AND GZ MODIFIERS:

Suppliers must add a KX modifier to codes for an HFCWO device and accessories only if all of the criteria in the Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity section of the related LCD have been met.

If all of the criteria in the Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity section of the related LCD have not been met, the GA or GZ modifier must be added to the code. When there is an expectation of a denial as not reasonable and necessary, suppliers must enter GA on the claim line if they have obtained a properly executed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) or GZ if they have not obtained a valid ABN.

There must be information in the beneficiary's medical record that describes in detail the underlying medical condition(s) that cause the accumulation of pulmonary secretions, the treatment interventions (for example, chest physiotherapy, postural drainage, medications used, mechanical modalities such as in-exsufflation devices, etc. (not all-inclusive)) and the effectiveness of the treatment. This information must be available upon request.

Claim lines billed without a KX, GA, or GZ modifier will be rejected as missing information.

CODING GUIDELINES

High frequency chest wall oscillation (HFCWO) is an airway clearance device consisting of an inflatable vest connected by tubes to a small air-pulse generator.

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor for guidance on the correct

[Coding Information](#)

Bill Type Codes:

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Revenue Codes:

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CPT/HCPCS Codes N/A

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ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered N/A

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07/01/2016	R3	NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES: Revised Standard Language to add Statutory Prescription (Order) Requirements, revised Face to Face and ACA requirements (Effective 04/28/2016) Effective July 1, 2016 oversight for DME MAC Articles 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 Articles.
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