

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Lower Limb Prostheses (L33787)

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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 lower limb prosthesis is covered when the beneficiary:

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 beneficiary'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:

The beneficiary's past history (including prior prosthetic use if applicable); and

The beneficiary's current condition including the status of the residual limb and the nature of other medical problems; and

The beneficiary's desire to ambulate.

Clinical assessments of beneficiary 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 beneficiary'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 reasonable and necessary, related additions will also be denied as not reasonable and 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 reasonable and 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 reasonable and 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 reasonable and 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 reasonable and 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 reasonable and necessary if the beneficiary'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 beneficiary. 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 beneficiaries whose functional level is 1 or above.

A flexible-keel foot (L5972) or multiaxial ankle/foot (L5978) is covered for beneficiaries whose functional level is 2 or above.

A microprocessor controlled ankle foot system (L5973), energy storing foot (L5976), dynamic response foot with multi-axial ankle (L5979), flex foot system (L5980), flex-walk system or equal (L5981), or shank foot system with vertical loading pylon (L5987) is covered for beneficiaries whose functional level is 3 or above.

The microprocessor foot or ankle system addition with power assist which includes any type motor (L5969) is not covered because there is insufficient information to demonstrate that the item meets the Medicare standard to be considered reasonable and necessary as per PIM Chapter 13. Claims for L5969 will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

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 reasonable and 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 beneficiary. 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 beneficiaries whose functional level is 4.

A fluid, pneumatic, or electronic/microprocessor knee (L5610, L5613, L5614, L5722-L5780, L5814, L5822-L5840, L5848, L5856, L5857, L5858) is covered for beneficiaries whose functional level is 3 or above.

L5859 (ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POWERED AND PROGRAMMABLE FLEXION/EXTENSION ASSIST CONTROL, INCLUDES ANY TYPE MOTOR(S)) is only covered when the beneficiary meets all of the criteria below:

1. Has a microprocessor (swing and stance phase type (L5856)) controlled (electronic) knee
2. K3 functional level only
3. Weight greater than 110 lbs and less than 275 lbs
4. Has a documented comorbidity of the spine and/or sound limb affecting hip extension and/or quadriceps function that impairs K-3 level function with the use of a microprocessor-controlled knee alone
5. Is able to make use of a product that requires daily charging
6. Is able to understand and respond to error alerts and alarms indicating problems with the function of the unit

If these coverage criteria for the knee component are not met, L5859 will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Other knee systems (L5611, L5616, L5710-L5718, L5810-L5812, L5816, L5818) are covered for beneficiaries 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 beneficiaries whose functional level is 2 or above.

HIPS:

A pneumatic or hydraulic polycentric hip joint (L5961) is covered for beneficiaries whose functional level is 3 or above.

SOCKETS:

More than 2 test (diagnostic) sockets (L5618-L5628) for an individual prosthesis are not reasonable and necessary unless there is documentation in the medical record which justifies the need. Exception: A test socket is not reasonable and 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 reasonable and 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 beneficiary weight or prosthetic demands of very active amputees.

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:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

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

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.

K2 - Lower extremity prosthesis functional 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.

K3 - Lower extremity prosthesis functional 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.

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:

Group 1 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
- L5312 KNEE DISARTICULATION (OR THROUGH KNEE), MOLDED SOCKET, SINGLE AXIS KNEE, PYLON, 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

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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

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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

L5859 ADDITION TO LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, ENDOSKELETAL KNEE-SHIN SYSTEM, POWERED AND PROGRAMMABLE FLEXION/EXTENSION ASSIST CONTROL, INCLUDES ANY TYPE MOTOR(S)

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)

L5961 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL SYSTEM, POLYCENTRIC HIP JOINT, PNEUMATIC OR HYDRAULIC CONTROL, ROTATION CONTROL, WITH OR WITHOUT FLEXION AND/OR EXTENSION CONTROL

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

- L5969 ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL ANKLE-FOOT OR ANKLE SYSTEM, POWER ASSIST, INCLUDES ANY TYPE MOTOR(S)
- 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, FOOT, FLEXIBLE KEEL
- L5973 ENDOSKELETAL ANKLE FOOT SYSTEM, MICROPROCESSOR CONTROLLED FEATURE, DORSIFLEXION AND/OR PLANTAR FLEXION CONTROL, INCLUDES POWER SOURCE
- 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, RECHARGEABLE, REPLACEMENT
- L7368 LITHIUM ION BATTERY CHARGER, REPLACEMENT ONLY
- 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-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: Not specified.

Group 1 Codes: N/A

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: Not specified.

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 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.

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.

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

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

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END OF LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION

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Local Coverage Article: Lower Limb Prostheses - Policy Article (A52496)

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Contractor Name	Contract Type	Contract Number	Jurisdiction	State(s)
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CGS Administrators, LLC	DME MAC	18003 -	DME MAC J-C	
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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").

Lower limb prostheses are covered under the Medicare Artificial Legs, Arms and Eyes benefit (Social Security Act §1861(s)(9)). In order for a beneficiary 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 to meeting the benefit policy, there are specific statutory payment policy requirements, discussed below, that also must be met.

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 beneficiary'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 beneficiary's functional abilities.

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

The prosthesis is provided to a beneficiary during an inpatient hospital stay prior to the day of discharge; and

The beneficiary uses the prosthesis for reasonable and necessary inpatient treatment or rehabilitation.

A claim must not be submitted in this situation.

Payment for a prosthesis described by codes L5000-L5020, L5400-L5460, L5987, and L8400 - L8480 is included in the payment to a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) if:

The prosthesis is provided to a beneficiary during Medicare Part A covered SNF stay prior to the day of discharge; and

The beneficiary uses the prosthesis for reasonable and necessary inpatient treatment or rehabilitation.

A claim must not be submitted in this situation. Claims for other lower limb prostheses provided to a beneficiary 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 beneficiary in a hospital or SNF is eligible for coverage if:

The prosthesis is reasonable and necessary for a beneficiary after discharge from a hospital or Part A covered SNF stay; and

The prosthesis is provided to the beneficiary within two days prior to discharge to home; and

The prosthesis is not needed for inpatient treatment or rehabilitation, but is left in the room for the beneficiary 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 beneficiary'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:

A change in the physiological condition of the beneficiary; or
Irreparable wear of the device or a part of the device; or
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 beneficiary's medical needs.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

When submitting a prosthetic claim, the billed code for knee, foot, ankle and hip (HCPCS codes L5610-L5616, L5710-L5780, L5810-L5840, L5848, L5856, L5857, L5858, L5859, L5930, L5961, L5970-L5987) components must be submitted with modifiers K0 - K4, indicating the expected beneficiary functional level. 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 beneficiary's history and current condition which supports the designation of the functional level by the prosthetist.

For L5859, the medical records should describe the nature and extent of the comorbidity of the spine or the sound limb which is what is limiting this beneficiary to a household ambulator, and clearly document how this feature will enable the beneficiary to function as a community ambulator.

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

REPAIR /REPLACEMENT (BPM Ch 15, §120)

Adjustments and repairs of prostheses and prosthetic components are covered under the original order for the prosthetic device.

Medicare payment may be made for the replacement of prosthetic devices which are artificial limbs, or for the replacement of any part of such devices, without regard to continuous use or useful lifetime restrictions if an ordering physician determines that the replacement device, or replacement part of such a device, is reasonable and necessary. Claims involving the replacement of a prosthesis or major component (foot, ankle, knee, socket) must be supported by a new physician's order and documentation supporting the reason for the replacement. The reason for replacement must be documented by the treating physician, either on the order or in the medical record, and must fall under one of the following:

1. A change in the physiological condition of the patient resulting in the need for a replacement. Examples include but are not limited to, changes in beneficiary weight, changes in the residual limb, beneficiary functional need changes; or,

2. An irreparable change in the condition of the device, or in a part of the device resulting in the need for a replacement; or,
3. The condition of the device, or the part of the device, requires repairs and the cost of such repairs would be more than 60 percent of the cost of a replacement device, or, as the case may be, of the part being replaced.

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 beneficiary weight or prosthetic demands of very active amputees.

CODING GUIDELINES

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

Code L7520 is used to bill for labor associated with adjustments and repairs that either do not involve replacement parts or that involve replacement parts billed with code L7510. Code L7520 must not be billed for labor time involved in the replacement of parts that are billed with a specific HCPCS code. Labor is included in the allowance for those codes.

One unit of service of code L7520 represents 15 minutes of labor time. Documentation must exist in the supplier's records indicating the specific adjustment and/or repair performed and the time involved. The time reported for L7520 must only be for actual repair time. Time performing the following services (not all-inclusive) must not be billed using code L7520:

- Evaluation to determine the need for a repair or adjustment or follow-up assessment
- Evaluation of problems regarding the fit or function of the prosthesis
- General beneficiary education or gait instruction
- Programming of electronic componentry

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 materials such as carbon fiber, fiberglass, Kevlar®, or other advanced composite lamination materials are used in the fabrication of a socket for an endoskeletal prosthesis. They are not used for ultralight materials used in other components of a prosthesis – e.g., knee/shin system, pylon, ankle, foot, etc. For codes L5940-L5960, the unit of service is per limb.

A microprocessor ankle-foot system with power assist (BiOM® Ankle-Foot System by iWalk, Inc) is coded as the combination of L5969 (ADDITION, ENDOSKELETAL ANKLE-FOOT OR ANKLE SYSTEM, POWER ASSIST, INCLUDES ANY TYPE MOTOR(S)) and L5973 (ENDOSKELETAL ANKLE FOOT SYSTEM, MICROPROCESSOR CONTROLLED FEATURE, DORSIFLEXION AND/OR PLANTAR FLEXION CONTROL, INCLUDES POWER SOURCE).

The only products which may be billed using code L5969 are those for which a written coding verification review has been made by the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor and subsequently published on the appropriate Product Classification List. Information concerning the documentation that must be submitted to the

PDAC for a Coding Verification Request can be found on the PDAC web site or by contacting the PDAC. A Product Classification List with products which have received a coding verification can be found on the PADC web site.

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. Claim lines billed without the RT and/or LT modifiers will be rejected as incorrect coding.

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

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Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

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 article, 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 article should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

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