CLINICIAN CHECKLIST FOR PNEUMATIC COMPRESSION DEVICES - CHRONIC VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY WITH VENOUS STASIS ULCERS (CVI) - DATES OF SERVICE PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Policy References:

- Local Coverage Determination (LCD) (L33829)
- Policy Article (A52488)

Documentation References: Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (A55426)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- [ ] Standard Written Order (SWO)
- [ ] Medical records as noted below

Medical Documentation Required Prior To Date of Service

A PCD coded as E0650 or E0651 is covered for the treatment of CVI of the lower extremities only if the patient has all of the following:

- [ ] Edema in the affected lower extremity
- [ ] One or more venous stasis ulcer(s)
- [ ] The ulcer(s) have failed to heal after a six-month trial of conservative therapy directed by the treating practitioner (See below for trial guidelines)

Six-Month Trial for CVI

A six-month trial of conservative therapy demonstrating failed response to treatment is required. The six-month trial of conservative therapy must include all of the following:

- [ ] Compliant use of an appropriate compression bandage system or compression garment to provide adequate graduated compression
- [ ] Adequate compression is defined as (1) sufficient pressure at the lowest pressure point to cause fluid movement and (2) sufficient pressure across the gradient (from highest to lowest pressure point) to move fluid from distal to proximal. The compression used must not create a tourniquet effect at any point.
- [ ] The garment may be prefabricated or custom-fabricated but must provide adequate graduated compression starting with a minimum of 30 mmHg distally.
- [ ] Medications as appropriate (e.g., diuretics and/or other treatment of congestive failure, etc.)

- [ ] Regular exercise
- [ ] Elevation of the limb
- [ ] Appropriate wound care for the ulcer (including sharp debridement where appropriate)