

October 21, 2010

ADVANCED ORTHOPAEDICS INC
ATTN SCOTT GEIST
326 MAIN STREET
HARLEYSVILLE PA 19438

Re: Assigned Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Codes

Xref #: 12381976

Product: Advanced Ankle Helper Hinged Brace

Model number: 19-0020L, 19-0030L, 19-0040L, 19-0050L, 19-0021R, 19-0031R,
19-0041R, 19-0051R

Dear Mr. Geist:

It is our determination that the Medicare HCPCS code to use to bill the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for the product listed above is:

L1906 ANKLE FOOT ORTHOSIS, MULTILIGAMENTUS ANKLE SUPPORT,
PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT

The product submitted does not meet the code requested which was L1971 as this product does not have a joint but instead has a hinge. The uprights and straps provide multiligamentus support therefore the most appropriate code for this product is L1906 as assigned.

For additional information please refer to the LCD for Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis and the Policy Article.

This decision applies to the application that we received on August 09, 2010. 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. This coding decision will be available within ten (10) working days on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS), which is located on the PDAC web site, www.dmepdac.com. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

The assignment of a HCPCS code to this product is not an approval or endorsement of the product by Medicare or Noridian Administrative Services, LLC; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the date of this letter. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form, which can be found on our PDAC web site at www.dmepdac.com under the HCPCS Review tab. If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, we will treat it as a coding verification review request and require a new application and documentation to support the request.

If you have any questions, please contact the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (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.

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