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Connie Wassermann, Product Manager
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Re: Universal Leg Brace-87ULB
Post Operative Pin Knee Brace-77POP
Basic Leg Brace-67BLB
Respond ROM Knee Orthosis-37KCO (Re-Review)
Flex Cuff Knee Orthosis-17KO (Re-Review)
Premier Knee Orthosis-27KCO (Re-Review)
Universal Arm Brace-88UAB
Arm-Wrist Brace-88AWB
Dorsal Carpal Tunnel Splint-44DCT

Dear Ms. Wassermann:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review and Re-Reviews for the above listed products manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the above listed products meet the characteristics and description of the HCPCS codes as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing codes for these products are

Universal Leg Brace-87ULB- **L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Post Operative Pin Knee Brace-77POP- **L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Basic Leg Brace-67BLB- **L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Respond ROM Knee Orthosis-37KCO (Re-Review)- **L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Flex Cuff Knee Orthosis-17KO (Re-Review)- **L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Premier Knee Orthosis-27KCO (Re-Review)- **L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Universal Arm Brace-88UAB- **L3760 Elbow orthosis, with adjustable position locking joint(s), prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

Arm-Wrist Brace-88AWB- **L3999 Upper limb orthosis, not otherwise specified.**

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Dorsal Carpal Tunnel Splint-44DCT- L3938 Wrist-Hand-Finger Orthosis, dorsal wrist, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

HCPCS code L3999 is a miscellaneous code and requires a complete description of the product when billing to Medicare. The description should include the manufacturer name, product name and the reason this item was prescribed for the patient.

*Per our instruction from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), "addition" codes are to be used on custom fabricated braces only. It is improper billing to bill "addition" codes for prefabricated braces. A prefabricated brace is all-inclusive.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your products as they were presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and the four DMERCs. Any modifications to these products could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to these products should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of these products by SADMERC or Medicare, nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. For questions regarding claim coverage or reimbursement please contact your regional DMERC.

If you do not agree with this coding decision, you may apply through the Alpha-Numeric Workgroup for a new code for these products. This workgroup reviews applications for modification of permanent national Level II HCPCS codes. Please contact the HCPCS Coordinator at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The address is provided below.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8111.

Sincerely,



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SADMERC

cc: DMERCs