

# Reimbursement for the L5999

# MAGLOCK - Magnetic Suspension System

The MAGLOCK was designed as a suspension system for K1 to K3 Transtibial amputees to ease the frustration of donning a pin lock system. Its design is both simple yet elegant. The battery energy is used to weaken the magnetic field to release the MAG*Liner*. The low energy required allows the battery to last over two days on a single charge. When the battery quits functioning, the prosthesis will not fall off. The dead battery issue is resolved by simply replacing the battery with a spare charged battery. Now the prosthesis can again be removed easily.

- The MAGLOCK consists of a battery pack, Battery Charger and a MAGLOCK
- 44lbs of magnetic force gives the patient equal security to a pin lock system
- A large magnetic target creates the ease of engaging and connecting the prosthesis to the MAGLiner
- MAGLiner is a platinum cured silicone with a 50mm distal target (pin locking system has an 8mm target), which facilitates donning the prosthesis
- Long battery life The MAGLOCK will give a warning tone when the battery is nearing the end of the charge cycle
- Ease of fabrication for both thermoplastic and laminates
- This suspension system is ideal for Transtibial amputees with:

Poor eyesight,

hearing

diminished hand dexterity

hand eye coordination

proven history with the inability to use a pin locking system

Patients who have had an issue with unsuccessfully being able to unlock a jammed pin system

Need for a backup suspension

• This present version of the MAGLOCK is not appropriate for Transfemoral amputees, as 44 lbs of force does not afford the safety necessary to suspend this type of prosthesis

## Achieving Reimbursement for the MAGLOCK - MAGNETIC SUSPENSION SYSTEM

ST&G hopes that by billing the unlisted code of L5999 and documenting medical necessity, you will not only be properly reimbursed at this time, but assist in establishing a permanent code for a Magnetic Suspension System.

## MSRP = \$1,680.00

The next two pages help outline the guidelines for justification and documenting medical necessity for the Magnetic Suspension System.

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## Justification and Medical Necessity for using a Magnetic Suspension System

#### **Introduction**

Introduce yourself and the purpose of your letter (Medical Necessity for the use of the Magnetic Suspension System for your patient/their subscriber)

# Introduce your patient/their subscriber

Include age, sex, occupation, family status, hobbies and activities. Be sure to emphasize the personal qualities and attributes so they are able to see their subscriber as the person they are.

#### **Describe your patient's condition**

Date and nature of amputation including any existing medical conditions and/or complications

#### **IMPORTANT - Past liner history if applicable**

Describe past liner, socket fitting trials and difficulties with other liner systems. Indicate the resulting <u>negative</u> impact this has had on the patient's daily life. With new amputees, describe how they performed during the test socket procedure and provide documentation as to why you chose this system over a pin lock system.

# IMPORTANT - Give a clear description of the MAGNETIC SUSPENSION SYSTEM, its purpose and how it functions

- The magnetic suspension system was developed to aid in a safe and secure suspension system for the K1- K3 patient.
- The magnetic suspension system has 44 lbs. of adhesion. This is not a lock, but a suspension system.
- The system will adhere without the battery. The electro-magnetism is used only for removal of the prosthesis.
- The system eliminates the issue of not being able to don a pin lock system safely or consistently and the frustration that this creates.
- The system allows patients with additional medical conditions such as blindness, deafness, or lack of hand dexterity to easily and securely don & doff their prosthesis.
- The strong magnetic system and ease of successfully achieving total magnetic contact provides security to the patient and helps alleviate falling and the fear of falling.
- The system eliminates emergency services associated with pin locking liners when the
  patient gets the pin jammed in the lock so it is only removable by disassembling the
  locking mechanism.

<u>Describe how this will benefit this patient and have a positive impact on their active daily life. Explain</u> the improvement obtained by using the magnetic suspension system to ease the donning and doffing of their prosthesis.

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# Outline cost benefits and comparisons if applicable

• The security the system provides and helps the patient achieve their independence, which can result in substantially reduced costs to the insurance company.

# SUGGESTED L-CODES FOR THE MAGLOCK SUSPENSION AND RELEASE SYSTEM

L5671	AK/BK locking mechanism
L5673	Socket insert with locking mechanism
L5999	Electro Magnetic Suspension and Release System
MSRP	Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price for L5999 - \$1680.00

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