

Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC)

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OSSUR AMERICAS INC 27051 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE FOOTHILL RANCH CA 92610

Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

XRef: 19861019

EXOFORM DORSAL NIGHT SPLINT	OSSUR AMERICAS INC	W-50085	L4398
EXOFORM DORSAL NIGHT SPLINT	OSSUR AMERICAS INC	W-50087	L4398

Dear Linda Collins:

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor provides Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC has reviewed the above listed product(s). The Medicare HCPCS code(s) below should be used when billing the four DME MACs:

L4398 - Foot Drop Splint, Recumbent Positioning Device, Prefabricated, Includes Fitting And Adjustment

According to the Local Coverage Article for Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses - Effective July 2012, a static or dynamic positioning ankle-foot orthosis (L4396) is a prefabricated ankle-foot orthosis which has all of the following characteristics:

- 1. Designed to accommodate either plantar fasciitis or an ankle with a plantar flexion contracture up to 45 degrees; and
- 2. Applies a dorsiflexion force to the ankle; and
- 3. Used by a beneficiary who is minimally ambulatory, or nonambulatory; and
- 4. Has a soft interface.

This product does not have a mechanism to provide dorsiflexion force to the foot. Therefore, code L4398 is the most appropriate code.

The PDAC provides coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and associated policy article developed by the DME MACs. All products submitted to PDAC for a coding verification review are carefully examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

This decision applies to the application we received on June 25, 2012. 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, <u>www.dmepdac.com</u>. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, related to their current listing on the Product Classification List (PCL) on DMECS. Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at https://www.dmepdac.com/review/notifying.html.

An assignment of the HCPCS code(s) to product(s) is not an approval or endorsement of the product(s) 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 located on the PDAC web site at https://www.dmepdac.com/review/requesting.html. 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 questions about policy, claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction. For other questions, contact the 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.

Sincerely,

PDAC Noridian Administrative Services, LLC www.dmepdac.com