

April 2, 2012

UNITED SURGICAL ASSOCIATES
ATTN ANDY OPLIGER
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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

Xref #: 17946929

Products: TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE RIGHT XS,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE RIGHT SM,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE RIGHT MD,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE RIGHT LG,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE LEFT XS,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE LEFT SM,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE LEFT MD,
TRAILBLAZER HINGED ANKLE LEFT LG

Model numbers: US88412, US88413, US88415, US88417, US88422, US88423,
US88425, US88427

Dear Mr. Opliger:

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 products. It is our determination that the Medicare HCPCS code to use when billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) is:

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

In review of your orthosis, the code L1971 describes products that have a proximal border that extends to a height no greater than 1.5 inches distal to the apex of the head of the fibula. In addition, an AFO is designed to provide rigid immobilization of the ankle-foot complex in the sagittal, coronal, and transverse planes. The Trailblazer Hinged Ankle Brace is best classified within the HCPCS code: L1906.

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 February 20, 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, www.dmepdac.com. 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>.

The assignment of a HCPCS code to these products is not an approval or endorsement of the products 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 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.

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