

November 7, 2012

OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE
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MINNEAPOLIS MN 55447

Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

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| EPI ELBOW SUPPORT | OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE | 480104220 | A9270 |
| EPI ELBOW SUPPORT | OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE | 480104330 | A9270 |
| EPI ELBOW SUPPORT | OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE | 480104440 | A9270 |
| EPI ELBOW SUPPORT | OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE | 480104550 | A9270 |
| EPI ELBOW SUPPORT | OTTO BOCK HEALTHCARE | 4801 S | A9270 |

Dear Kimberly Hanson:

The Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor provides Healthcare Common Procedure 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 Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs):

A9270 - Non-Covered Item Or Service

Chapter 15, Section 130 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-02) defines a brace as follows:

A brace includes rigid and semi-rigid devices which are used for the purpose of supporting a weak or deformed body member or restricting or eliminating motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. Elastic stockings, garter belts, and similar devices do not come within the scope of the definition of a brace.

The Epi Elbow support does not meet the elements of a brace as it does not support a weak or diseased body member and does not restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the body. The product does not support a joint.

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 August 30, 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>.

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 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
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