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Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding Contract (PDAC)

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2167 WELDONBERRY DRIVE NE
BROOKHAVEN, GA 30319

DCN Number:19330C21100002

Manufacturer Name	Product Name	Model Number	Assigned HCPCS Code(s)
UNITE MEDICAL LLC	BABY CRADLE LSO	BC3349-X	L0633
UNITE MEDICAL LLC	BABY CRADLE LSO	BC3349-X	L0649

Dear DAMON REED,

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor has reviewed the product(s) listed above and has approved the listed Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code(s) for billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs).

The PDAC Contractor provides coding assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC publishes coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Policy Articles and any related Advisory Articles established by the DME MACs. All products submitted to the PDAC for a coding verification review are examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

Based on this review and application of DME MAC policy, the HCPCS code(s) listed below should be used when billing the DME MACs:

- L0633 LUMBAR-SACRAL ORTHOSIS, SAGITTAL-CORONAL CONTROL, WITH RIGID POSTERIOR FRAME/PANEL(S), POSTERIOR EXTENDS FROM

SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION TO T-9 VERTEBRA, LATERAL STRENGTH PROVIDED BY RIGID LATERAL FRAME/PANELS, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS, INCLUDES STRAPS, CLOSURES, MAY INCLUDE PADDING, STAYS, SHOULDER STRAPS, PENDULOUS ABDOMEN DESIGN, PREFABRICATED ITEM THAT HAS BEEN TRIMMED, BENT, MOLDED, ASSEMBLED, OR OTHERWISE CUSTOMIZED TO FIT A SPECIFIC PATIENT BY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE

L0649 LUMBAR-SACRAL ORTHOSIS, SAGITTAL-CORONAL CONTROL, WITH RIGID POSTERIOR FRAME/PANEL(S), POSTERIOR EXTENDS FROM SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION TO T-9 VERTEBRA, LATERAL STRENGTH PROVIDED BY RIGID LATERAL FRAME/PANELS, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS, INCLUDES STRAPS, CLOSURES, MAY INCLUDE PADDING, STAYS, SHOULDER STRAPS, PENDULOUS ABDOMEN DESIGN, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF

The LCD related Policy Article (A52500) for Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO states ?The purpose of a rigid or semi-rigid LSO and TLSO spinal orthosis is to restrict the effect of the forces within a three point pressure system? which is ?used to immobilize the specified areas of the spine?.

The HCPCS long narrative of L0637 and L0650 includes the term ?RIGID? used to describe the frame and/or panel used to restrict or eliminate motion in a diseased or injured part of the Spine. Therefore, the frames and/or panels described in the HCPCS long descriptor need to provide the rigidity necessary to immobilize that specific area of the spine.

The BABY CRADLE LSO includes a posterior panel which extends to the mid-axillary line and two separate plastic inserts comprising the anterior panel. The PDAC's assessment of the posterior panel is that it would immobilize lumbar posterior extension (backward bending) and lateral/flexion (side bending) and this panel is considered both a rigid posterior panel and the lateral (side) panels. Our assessment of the anterior panel (which included a combination of both anterior panel inserts) is that it would not immobilize lumbar anterior flexion (forward bending), therefore, would not be considered a rigid anterior panel.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the letter's date and provide evidence to substantiate a reconsideration of PDAC's original coding

determination. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form located on the PDAC website at www.dmepdac.com. If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, it will require a new application and documentation to support the request.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, as listed on the Product Classification List (PCL) on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS). Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at www.dmepdac.com. It is also the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to assure their websites and product marketing materials accurately reflect the product reviewed by the PDAC and the coding decision assigned.

An assignment of the HCPCS code(s) to product(s) is not an approval or endorsement of the product(s) by Medicare or Palmetto GBA; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage.

If you have questions about policy, claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction. For other questions, contact the PDAC HCPCS Helpline at the address listed above or by telephone at (877) 735-1326. The Contact Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

Sincerely,

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