

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

Description

Pressure gradient garments and support stockings are designed to promote and restore normal fluid circulation to the extremities as well as to minimize excessive scarring responses in burn victims. The garments can vary from lymphedema sleeves for the arm, knee length to full-length stockings, waist high leotard, to various other body parts such as the hands.

Pressure gradient “compression” stockings are specialized hosiery that are tightest at the ankles and become less constrictive up the leg. They are used to help increase circulation, prevent the formation of blood clots, and treat ulcers of the lower legs. By compressing surface veins, arteries and muscles beneath the skin, arterial pressure is increased. The increased pressure leads to improved blood flow, decreased pooling of blood in the lower legs and feet, and decreased swelling.

Compression stockings are available in different pressure gradients. They require a prescription by the treating practitioner and require measurements for fitting. These stockings start at 20 mmHg compression and increase from there.

Standard gradient compression stockings are considered off-the-shelf and available in a range of sizes. Three to five measurements are taken of the member’s limb to determine the proper size stocking that meets the member's dimensions.

Custom-fitted gradient compression stockings are stockings that are made for members that do not fall into the standard dimensions of off-the-shelf stockings. This generally requires using a specialty tape measure that has measurements every inch and a half to ensure a custom fit for the member and is hand sewn by the manufacturer.

Policy Guidelines

| | |
|--|---|
| Health New England Commercial Members | Refer to: Medicare (CMS) Surgical Dressings Local Coverage Determination (L33831) and related Policy Article (A54563) for coverage criteria and , Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS’) Final Rule CMS-1780-F. |
|--|---|

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

Medicare Member Coverage Criteria (including Commercial Plans that follow Medicare guidelines):

Refer to Medicare policy (**L33831**) and article (**A54563**) for coverage criteria **and** to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') Final Rule CMS-1780-F.

Starting January 1, 2024, Medicare Part B covers gradient compression garments (standard and custom-fitted) for a diagnosis of **lymphedema** when the treating practitioner has prescribed them.

Gradient compression garments, related supplies and accessories are covered only for the treatment of lymphedema (see ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity below). Claims for gradient compression garments, related supplies and accessories for non-lymphedema diagnoses will be denied as noncovered.

A quantity of three (3) daytime garments or wraps per body area are allowed once every six (6) months.

A quantity of two (2) nighttime garments per body area are allowed once every two (2) years (24 months).

Replacement of the garments can only be made in accordance with the frequency limitations of once every six (6) months for daytime garments or wraps and once every two (2) years for nighttime garments.

ICD-10-CM Codes That Support Medical Necessity

Payment for lymphedema compression treatment items is limited to the ICD-10-CM codes of lymphedema listed below. The presence of an ICD-10-CM code listed in this section is not sufficient by itself to assure coverage.

| Code | Description |
|--------|--|
| I89.0 | Lymphedema, not elsewhere classified |
| I97.2 | Postmastectomy lymphedema syndrome |
| I97.89 | Other postprocedural complications and disorders of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified |
| Q82.0 | Hereditary lymphedema |

For full article: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jb/pubs/news/2023/12/cope147943.html>

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

Non-Medicare Member Coverage Criteria:

Policy Guidelines for Commercial/NH Medicaid Members

Compression garments (e.g., support stocking/burn garment/gradient pressure garment/sleeve) that have a pressure of **18 mmHg-30 mmHg or more** (e.g., A6530 Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mmHg, each), that require a treating practitioner's order (prescription) to be dispensed and require measurements for fitting are considered **medically necessary** for any of the following conditions:

- Lymphedema, including chronic lymphedema (lasting more than 3 months) and lymphedema as a physical complication of mastectomy
- DVT prophylaxis during pregnancy and postpartum
- Edema accompanying paraplegia, quadriplegia, etc.
- Edema following surgery, fracture, burns, or other trauma
- Orthostatic hypotension
- Phlebitis/Thrombophlebitis
- Post sclerotherapy
- Post-thrombotic syndrome (post-phlebotic syndrome)
- Postural hypotension
- Prevention of thrombosis in immobilized members (e.g., immobilization due to surgery, trauma, general debilitation, etc.)
- Severe circulatory disorder (*see below)
- Severe edema in pregnancy/high-risk pregnancy
- Significant burn with risk of post burn contracture, skin grafting and hypertrophic scarring.
- Treatment of complications of chronic venous insufficiency:
 - Lipodermatosclerosis
 - Stasis dermatitis (venous eczema)
 - Varicose veins (except spider veins)
 - Venous edema
 - Venous ulcers (stasis ulcers)

*A severe circulatory disorder is any disorder or condition that affects the circulatory system. Circulatory disorders can arise from problems with the heart, blood vessels or the blood itself. Disorders of the circulatory system generally result in diminished flow of blood and oxygen supply to the tissues. The heart and blood vessels make up the circulatory system. These conditions can include, **but are not limited to:**

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

- Coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke, hypertension, and congestive heart failure, ventricular arrhythmias, congenital cardiovascular disorders, rheumatic heart disease, peripheral artery disease, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism.
- Lymphedema or chronic venous insufficiency with the goal of preventing the onset or worsening of venous stasis ulcers.

Burn pressure garments are covered when medically necessary to enhance healing, reduce swelling, treat contractures and hypertrophic scars suffered by severely burned patients.

Non-elastic leg binders are considered reasonable and necessary for members who meet the selection criteria for pressure gradient support stockings listed above. Non-elastic leg binders are similar to graded compression stockings in that they provide static compression of the leg, but unlike graded compression stockings, they do not use elastic, but use adjustable Velcro or buckle straps.

Limitations

Gradient Compression Stocking:

- No more than four (4) support garments per year, unless supported by specific state Medicaid/Health Plan limits.
- Additional support garments will be covered if the member's primary care physician determines they are required due to significant gain or loss in weight or change in the patient's condition.

Burn Garments:

- No limitations.

Exclusions

- Support garments are considered **not** reasonable and necessary for the prevention of stasis ulcers or for the prevention of the reoccurrence of stasis ulcers that have healed.
- Compression garments for the legs are considered experimental and investigational for the chest, labia, trunk or neck. There is a lack of peer-reviewed published literature evaluating the clinical utility of compression garments for these types of lymphedemas.
- Compression garments for the legs are considered experimental and investigational for improving functional performance in individuals with Parkinson's disease.

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

- Compression garments for the legs are considered experimental and investigational for management of delayed-onset muscle soreness.
- Stockings purchased over the counter without a prescription which have a pressure of **less than 20 mm Hg** (e.g., elastic stockings, surgical leggings, anti-embolism stockings such as T.E.D. hose or pressure leotards) are considered experimental and investigational since they have not been proven to be effective in the treatment of the conditions listed in this policy or in preventing a thromboembolism. They are also not considered reasonable and necessary because they are not primarily medical in nature.

| ICD-10 codes covered if selection criteria are met (not all inclusive): | |
|--|---|
| G81.00 - G81.94 | Hemiplegia and hemiparesis |
| G82.20 - G83.9 | Paraplegia (paraparesis), quadriplegia (quadriparesis) and other paralytic syndromes |
| I80.00-I80.209 I80.221-I80.3 | Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of superficial or deep vessels of lower extremities |
| I83.001 - I83.899 | Varicose veins of lower extremities, with ulcer, with inflammation, with ulcer and inflammation, or with other complications |
| I87.00 - I87.099 | Post thrombotic syndrome |
| I87.2 | Venous insufficiency (chronic)(peripheral) |
| I89.0 - I89.9 | Other noninfective disorders of lymphatic vessels and lymph nodes |
| I95.1 | Orthostatic hypotension |
| I97.2 | Postmastectomy lymphedema syndrome |
| I97.89 | Other postprocedural complications and disorders of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified |
| O12.00 - O12.05 | Gestational edema |
| O22.00 -O22.03 O87.4 | Varicose veins of lower extremity in pregnancy |
| O90.89 | Other complications of the puerperium, not elsewhere classified [postpartum edema] [not covered for pain during post-natal care] |
| Q82.0 | Hereditary lymphedema |
| R60.0 - R60.9 | Edema, not elsewhere classified |
| Z74.01 | Bed confinement status |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

Coding Guidelines

For the compression stocking codes A6531 and A6532, one unit of service is generally for one stocking. However, if a manufacturer has a product consisting of two components that are designed to be worn simultaneously on the same leg, the two components must be billed as one claim line with one unit of service (e.g., a product that consists of an unzipped liner and a zippered stocking).

The right (RT) and/or left (LT) modifiers must be used with codes A6531, A6532, A6545 for gradient compression stockings and wraps. When the same code for bilateral items (left and right) is billed on the same date of service, bill each item on two separate claim lines using the RT and LT modifiers and 1 unit of service (UOS) on each claim line. Claims billed without modifiers RT and/or LT will be rejected as incorrect coding.

HCPCS Level II Codes and Description

| | |
|-------|---|
| A4465 | Non-elastic binder for extremity |
| A4490 | Surgical stocking, above knee length, each |
| A4495 | Surgical stocking, thigh length, each |
| A4500 | Surgical stocking, below knee length, each |
| A4510 | Surgical stocking, full length, each |
| A6501 | Compression burn garment, bodysuit (head to foot), custom fabricated |
| A6502 | Compression burn garment, chin strap, custom fabricated |
| A6503 | Compression burn garment, facial hood, custom fabricated |
| A6504 | Compression burn garment, glove to wrist, custom fabricated |
| A6505 | Compression burn garment, glove to elbow, custom fabricated. |
| A6506 | Compression burn garment, glove to axilla, custom fabricated |
| A6507 | Compression burn garment, foot to knee length, custom fabricated |
| A6508 | Compression burn garment, foot to thigh length, custom fabricated |
| A6509 | Compression burn garment, upper trunk to waist including arm openings (vest), custom fabricated |
| A6510 | Compression burn garment, trunk, including arms down to leg openings (leotard), custom fabricated |
| A6511 | Compression burn garment, lower trunk including leg openings (panty), custom fabricated |
| A6512 | Compression burn garment not otherwise classified |
| A6513 | Compression burn mask, face and/or neck, plastic or equal, custom fabricated |
| A6520 | Gradient compression garment, glove, padded, for nighttime use, each |
| A6521 | Gradient compression garment, glove, padded, for nighttime use, custom, each |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | |
|-------|---|
| A6522 | Gradient compression garment, arm, padded, for nighttime use, each |
| A6523 | Gradient compression garment, arm, padded, for nighttime use, custom, each |
| A6524 | Gradient compression garment, lower leg and foot, padded, for nighttime use, each |
| A6525 | Gradient compression garment, lower leg and foot, padded, for nighttime use, custom, each |
| A6526 | Gradient compression garment, full leg and foot, padded, for nighttime use, each |
| A6527 | Gradient compression garment, full leg and foot, padded, for nighttime use, custom, each |
| A6528 | Gradient compression garment, bra, for nighttime use, each |
| A6529 | Gradient compression garment, bra, for nighttime use, custom, each |
| A6530 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mmHg, each |
| A6531 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 30-40 mmHg, each used as a surgical dressing. |
| A6532 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 40-50 mmHg, each, used as a surgical dressing. |
| A6533 | Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 18-30 mmHg, each |
| A6534 | Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 30-40 mmHg, each |
| A6535 | Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 40mmhg or greater, each |
| A6536 | Gradient compression stocking, full length, chap style 18-30 mmHg, each |
| A6537 | Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 30-40 mmHg, each |
| A6538 | Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 40 mmHg or greater, each |
| A6539 | Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 18-30 mmHg each |
| A6540 | Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 30-40 mmHg, each |
| A6541 | Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 40 mmHg or greater, each |
| A6542 | Gradient compression stocking custom made |
| A6544 | Gradient compression stocking, garter belt |
| A6545 | Gradient compression wrap, non-elastic, below knee, 30-50 mmHg each, used as a surgical dressing. |
| A6549 | Gradient compression stocking not otherwise specified |
| A6552 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 30-40 mmHg, each (effective 1/1/24) |
| A6553 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 30-40 mmHg, custom, each |
| A6554 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 40 mmHg or greater, each (effective 1/1/24) |
| A6555 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 40 mmHg or greater, custom, each |
| A6556 | Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 18-30 mmHg, custom, each |
| A6557 | Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 30-40 mmHg, custom, each |
| A6558 | Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 40 mmHg or greater, custom, each |
| A6559 | Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 18-30 mmHg, custom, each |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | |
|-------|--|
| A6560 | Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 30-40 mmHg, custom, each |
| A6561 | Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 40 mmHg or greater, custom, each |
| A6562 | Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 18-30 mmHg, custom, each |
| A6563 | Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 30-40 mmHg, custom, each |
| A6564 | Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 40 mmHg or greater, custom, each |
| A6565 | Gradient compression gauntlet, custom, each |
| A6566 | Gradient compression garment, neck/head, each |
| A6567 | Gradient compression garment, neck/head, custom, each |
| A6568 | Gradient compression garment, torso and shoulder, each |
| A6569 | Gradient compression garment, torso/shoulder, custom, each |
| A6570 | Gradient compression garment, genital region, each |
| A6571 | Gradient compression garment, genital region, custom, each |
| A6572 | Gradient compression garment, toe caps, each |
| A6573 | Gradient compression garment, toe caps, custom, each |
| A6574 | Gradient compression arm sleeve and glove combination, custom, each |
| A6575 | Gradient compression arm sleeve and glove combination, each |
| A6576 | Gradient compression arm sleeve, custom, medium weight, each |
| A6577 | Gradient compression arm sleeve, custom, heavy weight, each |
| A6578 | Gradient compression arm sleeve, each |
| A6579 | Gradient compression glove, custom, medium weight, each |
| A6580 | Gradient compression glove, custom, heavy weight, each |
| A6581 | Gradient compression glove, each |
| A6582 | Gradient compression gauntlet, each |
| A6583 | Gradient compression wrap with adjustable straps, below knee, 30-50 mmHg, each (effective 1/1/24) |
| A6584 | Gradient compression wrap with adjustable straps, not otherwise specified |
| A6585 | Gradient pressure wrap with adjustable straps, above knee, each |
| A6586 | Gradient pressure wrap with adjustable straps, full leg, each |
| A6587 | Gradient pressure wrap with adjustable straps, foot, each |
| A6588 | Gradient pressure wrap with adjustable straps, arm, each |
| A6589 | Gradient pressure wrap with adjustable straps, bra, each |
| A6593 | Accessory for gradient compression garment or wrap with adjustable straps, not otherwise specified |
| A6594 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, bandage liner, lower extremity, any size or length, each |
| A6595 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, bandage liner, upper extremity, any size or length, each |
| A6596 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, conforming gauze, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6597 | Gradient compression bandage roll, elastic long stretch, per linear yard, any width, |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | |
|-------|---|
| | each |
| A6598 | Gradient compression bandage roll, elastic medium stretch, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6599 | Gradient compression bandage roll, inelastic short stretch, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6600 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, high density foam sheet, per 250 square centimeters, each |
| A6601 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, high density foam pad, any size or shape, each |
| A6602 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, high density foam roll for bandage, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6603 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, low density channel foam sheet, per 250 square centimeters, each |
| A6604 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, low density flat foam sheet, per 250 square centimeters, each |
| A6605 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, padded foam, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6606 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, padded textile, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6607 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, tubular protective absorption layer, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6608 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, tubular protective absorption padded layer, per linear yard, any width, each |
| A6609 | Gradient compression bandaging supply, not otherwise specified |
| A6610 | Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mmHg, custom, each |
| L8010 | Breast prosthesis, mastectomy sleeve |

Important Note:

Northwood's Medical Policies are developed to assist Northwood in administering plan benefits and determining whether a particular DMEPOS product or service is reasonable and necessary. Equipment that is used primarily and customarily for a non-medical purpose is not considered durable medical equipment.

Coverage determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and are subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the member's contract including medical necessity requirements.

The conclusion that a DMEPOS product or service is reasonable and necessary does not constitute coverage. The member's contract defines which DMEPOS product or service

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

is covered, excluded or limited. The policies provide for clearly written, reasonable and current criteria that have been approved by Northwood's Medical Director.

The clinical criteria and medical policies provide guidelines for determining the medical necessity for specific DMEPOS products or services. In all cases, final benefit determinations are based on the applicable contract language. To the extent there are any conflicts between medical policy guidelines and applicable contract language, the contract language prevails. Medical policy is not intended to override the policy that defines the member's benefits, nor is it intended to dictate to providers how to direct care. Northwood Medical policies shall not be interpreted to limit the benefits afforded to Medicare or Medicaid members by law and regulation.

Northwood reserves the right to amend all policies without notice to providers or members.

Northwood's policies do not constitute medical advice. Northwood does not provide or recommend treatment to members. Members should consult with their treating physician in connection with diagnosis and treatment decisions.

Northwood follows all CMS National coverage Determinations (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), as applicable.

Cross Reference to Related Policies and Procedures

1. Aetna: Compression Garments for the Legs.
http://www.aetna.com/cpb/medical/data/400_499/0482.html Last accessed and reviewed 11/21/24.
2. Blue Care Network of Michigan: Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings Medical Policy. Accessed 11/14/19.
3. National Government Services, Inc. Jurisdiction B DME MAC, Surgical Dressings. Local Coverage Determination No. L33831.
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=33831&ContrID=140> Last accessed and reviewed 11/21/24.
4. Horizon BCBSNJ Medical Policy Section DME; Policy Number 048. Last accessed and reviewed 11/21/24. <https://services3.horizon-bcbsnj.com/hcm/MedPol2.nsf/MedicalPolicies/RFMI-9Y9KA7>
5. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30995000/> Cardiovascular Disease: Chronic Venous Insufficiency and Varicose Veins Craig Barstow 1, David Kassop; Accessed 3/4/2022.

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

6. <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/body/21775-circulatory-system> Added 3/4/22.
7. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK83160/> Added 3/4/22.
8. <https://www.mass.gov/doc/durable-medical-equipment-regulations/download> Last accessed and reviewed 11/21/24.

SPECIAL COVERAGE INFORMATION PER PLAN:

| | |
|---|---|
| WellSense Medicaid Members Only: | The allowable for the (L8010) mastectomy sleeve is two (2) per year. |
| Health New England Commercial/Self-Funded Plans: | The allowable is no more than six (3 pairs) pressure gradient support garments per year. |
| GIC Group: | Effective through 6/30/019: Unlimited quantity of pressure gradient support stockings for GIC Group ONLY |
| Security Health Plan (SHP) | Security Health Plan includes the following diagnoses to be included in the criteria for coverage of compression stockings (4 pair per calendar year): I83-I83.899 Varicose veins of lower extremities I83.90 Asymptomatic varicose veins of unspecified lower extremity I89.0 Lymphedema, not elsewhere classified I97.2 Postmastectomy Lymphedema Syndrome I97.89 Other postprocedural complications and disorders of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified O12.01 Gestational edema, first trimester O12.02 Gestational edema, second trimester O12.03 Gestational edema, third trimester O12.21 Gestational edema with proteinuria, first trimester |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p>O12.22 Gestational edema with proteinuria, second trimester</p> <p>O12.23 Gestational edema with proteinuria, third trimester</p> <p>O26.01 Excessive weight gain in pregnancy, first trimester</p> <p>O26.02 Excessive weight gain in pregnancy, second trimester</p> <p>O26.03 Excessive weight gain in pregnancy, third trimester</p> <p>Q82.0 Hereditary Lymphedema</p> <p>R60.0 Localized Edema</p> <p>R60.1 Generalized Edema</p> <p>R60.9 Edema Unspecified</p> |
|--|--|

Change/Authorization History

| Revision Number | Date | Description of Change | Prepared/Reviewed by | Approved by | Review Date: | Effective Date: |
|-----------------|----------|---|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A | Nov.2008 | Initial Release | Rosanne Brugnani | Ken Fasse | n/a | |
| 01 | | Annual Review | Susan Glomb | Ken Fasse | Dec.2008 | |
| 02 | 12-22-09 | Annual Review/ no changes | Susan Glomb | Ken Fasse | Dec.2009 | |
| 03 | | Annual review – policy update | Susan Glomb | Ken Fasse | Dec.2010 | |
| 04 | 07-20-11 | Added Important Note to all Medical Policies | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |
| 05 | 8-24-11 | Added ICD-9 code 459.81 Venous Insufficiency to graph | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |
| 06 | 04-04-12 | Added reference to NH Medicaid | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |
| 07 | 12-3-12 | Annual Review – No changes | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | Dec 12 | |
| 08 | 12-11-13 | Annual review. No changes | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------|--|--------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 09 | 11-25-14 | Annual Review. Added burn garments to this policy and removed them from the surgical dressing policy. | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |
| 10 | 06-24-15 | Added Security Health Plan inclusion of the following ICD-9 codes for coverage for compression stockings at 4 per calendar year. 454.9 Asymptomatic varicose veins. 782.3 Edema 646.13 Edema or excessive weight gain, antepartum. | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |
| 11 | 12-15-15 | Annual review. Updated policy with Medicare policy criteria and added ICD-10 Codes for SHP specifically. Removed reference to Diagnosis codes per Medicare policy. | Susan Glomb | Dr. B. Almasri | | |
| 12 | 04-11-17 | Added to SHP approved diagnoses codes I 83-I 83.899 Varicose Veins of Lower Extremities. | Susan Glomb | Dr. C. Lerchin | | |
| 13 | 12-4-17 | Annual review. Updated policy to reflect compression garments for legs are considered experimental and investigational for improving functional performance in Parkinson's disease. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | December 2017 | |
| 14 | 1-11-18 | Added new reference (Aetna) to policy. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | January 2018 | |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------|---|--------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 15 | 4-20-18 | Updated ICD-10 codes in SHP box to R60.0, R60.1 and R60.9 (number 0 was missing from these codes). | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 4-20-18 | |
| 16 | 6-26-18 | Added Medicare guidelines for Gradient Compression Stockings, Wraps and Burn Garments. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 6/26/18 | |
| 17 | 10-10-18 | Added HNE Commercial/Self-Funded groups allowable of 6/year compression stockings. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 10-10-18 | |
| 18 | 11-20-18 | Annual review. See above for changes. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-20-18 | |
| 19 | 5-2-19 | HNE GIC group allowed unlimited compression stockings effective only until 6/30/19. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 5-2-19 | |
| 20 | 6-27-19 | Added Well Sense criteria L8010 2/year allowed. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 6-27-19 | |
| 21 | 11-13-19 | Compression garments for the legs are considered experimental and investigational for management of delayed-onset muscle soreness. Added BCN of MI to reference list. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-13-19 | 11-13-19 |
| 22 | 11-22-19 | Annual review. Additional ICD-10 codes (I89.0, I97.2, I97.89, Q82.0) added to SHP box per Plan | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-22-19 | 11-22-19 |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|
| | | request. | | | | |
| 23 | 11-13-20 | Annual Review. Added 'unless supported by specific State Medicaid guidelines.' | Lisa Wojno | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-13-20 | |
| 24 | 11-24-21 | Annual Review. Added NCD/LCD verbiage to "Important Notes". | Carol Dimech/Susan Glomb | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-24-21 | |
| 25 | 3-15-22 | Changed WellSense to one word d/t rebranding per Plan. | Carol Dimech/Susan Glomb | Dr. C. Lerchin | 3-15-22 | 3-15-22 |
| 26 | 11-23-22 | Annual review. Updated qualifying condition list for clarity. Added custom-fitted/custom-made to description. Added ICD-10 codes, coding and references. | Carol Dimech | Dr. Cheryl Lerchin | 11-23-22 | 11-23-22 |
| 27 | 4-27-23 | Replaced Medicare Guidelines verbiage with Medicare box directing the reader to CMS LCD/Policy Article for accuracy. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 4-27-23 | 4-27-23 |
| 28 | 6-22-23 | Added "Health New England Commercial Members" to coverage criteria box on page 1. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 6-22-23 | 6-22-23 |
| 29 | 11-22-23 | Annual review. Added HCPCS codes A6552, A6554, A6583 per CMS – Effective 1/1/24. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-22-23 | 11-22-23 |
| 30 | 03-04-24 | Revised: Long descriptor of HCPCS Codes A6531, A6532 and A6545. | Susan Glomb/Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 03-04-24 | 03-04-24 |

Medical Policy



Pressure Gradient Garments and Support Stockings

| | | | | | | |
|----|----------|--|--------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 31 | 4-25-24 | Added to Medicare Plans section “for Commercial Plans that follow Medicare guidelines - Final Rule CMS-1780-F, including ICD-10/HCPCS codes. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 4-25-24 | 4-25-24 |
| 32 | 11-21-24 | Annual review. No additional changes. | Carol Dimech | Dr. C. Lerchin | 11-21-24 | 11-21-24 |