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**Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing**

**Xref Number: 83189724**

| Manufacturer Name | Product Name | Model Number | Assigned HCPCS Codes |
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| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (101) | L1902 |
| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (102) | L1902 |
| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (103) | L1902 |
| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (104) | L1902 |
| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (105) | L1902 |
| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (106) | L1902 |
| PROLINE BRACING LLC | IFAST | AY-81 (107) | L1902 |

Dear Curtis Carlson:

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.

The PDAC has reviewed the above listed product(s). Based on this review and application of DME MAC policy, the HCPCS code(s) listed below should be used when billing the DME MACs:

**L1902** - ANKLE ORTHOSIS, ANKLE GAUNTLET OR SIMILAR, WITH OR WITHOUT JOINTS, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF

The "Local Coverage Article: Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses - Policy Article" states:

> Code L1906 describes a multiligamentous ankle support that provides control of the ankle joint between the medial and lateral malleoli while allowing for dorsiflexion and plantar flexion by way of a hinge or joint mechanism. This off-the-shelf ankle support includes a rigid stirrup and foot plate which provides functional tracking of the ankle with hind-foot and mid-foot stability during ambulation. This, in conjunction with wrap-around straps and the inherent gauntlet design, offers areas of multiligamentous support as described by the code. There are no additional HCPCS codes for this type of prefabricated ankle orthosis. Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2012, the only products which may be billed to Medicare using code L1906 are those for which a written coding verification has been made by the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor and that are listed in the Product Classification List.

The product submitted has a semi-rigid stirrup; however, the product doesn't have a hinge or joint mechanism to allow for dorsiflexion and plantar flexion and there is no rigid footplate to provide functional tracking of the ankle with hind-foot and mid-foot stability during ambulation. There are also no wrap around straps. The product does not meet the criteria for HCPCS code L1906. The product is an ankle gauntlet; therefore, HCPCS code L1902 is the appropriate code.

This decision applies to the application we received on 8/1/2018. 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. The coding assigned in this decision letter will be available on the Product Classification List (PCL) on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS) within ten (10) working days from the letter's date. The DMECS can be accessed on the PDAC website, www.dmepdac.com. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

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 https://www.dmepdac.com/review/requesting.html. 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 PCL on DMECS. Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at https://www.dmepdac.com/dmecs/notifying.html. 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 Noridian Healthcare Solutions; 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 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.

**Reminder:** There are new versions of the Code Verification Review applications available on the PDAC website at https://www.dmepdac.com/review/applications_forms.html. The old versions of the applications are no longer accepted as of 9/1/2018.

Sincerely,

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