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Revised Coding for the C-Leg

Code L5930 Removed

The DME MAC and the PDAC contractor recently released a joint statement providing revised coding for the C-Leg. For claims with a date of service on or after October 6, 2016 the following codes are the only codes that may be used to describe the C-Leg for billing purposes: L5828, L5845, L5848, and L5856.

The revised coding announcement removes the HCPCS code L5930, from the previous list of approved HCPCS codes. Suppliers are also reminded that the use of a miscellaneous code, L5999, may not be used to describe any features of the C-Leg. Suppliers are also reminded that any and all HCPCS codes assigned to a product by the DME MACs or PDAC must be billed when a claim is submitted to Medicare for payment. [View the complete joint statement.](#)

O&P Almanac Wins 2 Graphic Design Awards of Excellence

O&P Almanac has also Won Communicator Awards, and Association Trends' All Media Contest



The O&P Almanac has been awarded two Graphic Design Awards of Excellence from Graphic Design USA's 53rd Annual Design Competition. The two entries submitted were the December 2015 "Virtual O&P" issue and the June 2016 "Upper Limb" issue. The December 2015 design will be featured in the Graphic Design USA Award issue. Graphic Design USA has sponsored design competitions for five decades that spotlight areas of excellence and opportunity for creative professionals. Just a shade under 10,000 entries were submitted; a highly selective 15 percent are recognized today with a Certificate of Excellence.



Coding Reminder for Prosthetic Covers and Skins

Documentation Required to Warrant Protective Covering

Each of the DME MACs continue to report a high volume of claims containing codes that describe prosthetic covers (L5704-L5707) and protective covering systems (L5962, L5964, and L5966), even though they have stated that the medical need for both of these protective features on a single prosthesis is rare. The DME MACs contend that custom shaped protective covers (L5704-L5707) provide sufficient protection and waterproofing for normal daily usage of a prosthesis and that the addition of an outer surface covering system, commonly referred to as a skin, is only medically necessary when there are unusually harsh environmental situations that warrant additional protection. The DME MACs want to remind suppliers that there must be documentation to support medical necessity of a protective outer surface covering system (L5962, L5964, and L5966) and this documentation must indicate the type of extraordinary activities that would justify the need for extra protection; beyond that of everyday usage in a typical environment. Also, when billing for the L5962, L5964 or L5966, you must include information on your claim regarding the type of protective cover provided (i.e., manufacturer name, make, model or type).

Chris Nolan Joins Ottobock

He Brings More than 15 Years of O&P Experience

AOPA congratulates Chris Nolan, who was named Vice President of the Orthotics business unit at Ottobock! He will help lead Ottobock's strategic effort in the O&P industry and provide guidance

into growing new markets.

Chris serves as Chairman of the National Assembly Planning Committee, AOPA's board of directors, and will assume the position of Vice President of AOPA for 2017.



Join the Coding & Billing Experts in Las Vegas

Discounts for AOPA members

Join AOPA November 14-15 in Las Vegas to advance your O&P practitioners' and billing staff's coding knowledge. Join AOPA for this 2 day event, where you will earn 14 CEs and get up-to-date on all the hot topics. Book your hotel before Oct 26 for AOPA's special rate. [Learn more and register.](#)



Join the AOPA Google+ Community

Members-Only Forum for Productive Conversation

We are excited to announce that we have launched a members-only AOPA Google+ Community. Our goal for this community is to establish a forum for discussion about issues facing the O&P profession and to develop advocacy strategies to address those issues. Discuss the challenges your business faces with your peers.

Knowledge is power, and this forum can serve to empower the O&P community to make more informed decisions when new challenges arise. You can join the conversation over on the [AOPA Google+ Community](#) by visiting and clicking "Ask to Join."



Noridian Prepayment Review Results

Results for Codes L1832, L1843, L0648, L0650 and L4361

Noridian, the Jurisdiction D DME MAC, recently released their quarterly results of its review for claims involving the HCPCS codes L1832, L1843, L0648, L0650 and L4361. The denial rates ranged from 73-99%. One denial reason for every code was Invalid/ Missing/ Incomplete detailed written orders. Based on the high denial/error rates Noridian will continue with the prepayment review for all of those codes. [Read the detailed results.](#)

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