

Reimbursement Policy:

Compression Garments (Commercial, Medicare, Medicaid)

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Reimbursement Guideline Disclaimer: We have policies in place that reflect billing or claims payment processes unique to our health plans. Current billing and claims payment policies apply to all our products, unless otherwise noted. We will inform you of new policies or changes in policies through postings to the applicable Reimbursement Policies webpages on emblemhealth.com and connecticare.com. Further, we may announce additions and changes in our provider manual and/or provider newsletters which are available online and emailed to those with a current and accurate email address on file. The information presented in this policy is accurate and current as of the date of this publication.

The information provided in our policies is intended to serve only as a general reference resource for services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Other factors affecting reimbursement may supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors may include, but are not limited to, legislative mandates, physician or other provider contracts, the member's benefit coverage documents and/or other reimbursement, and medical or drug policies. Finally, this policy may not be implemented the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems in use due to programming or other constraints; however, we strive to minimize these variations.

We follow coding edits that are based on industry sources, including, but not limited to, CPT® guidelines from the American Medical Association, specialty organizations, and CMS including NCCI and MUE. In coding scenarios where there appears to be conflicts between sources, we will apply the edits we determine are appropriate. We use industry-standard claims editing software products when making decisions about appropriate claim editing practices. Upon request, we will provide an explanation of how we handle specific coding issues. If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, we may deny the claim and/or recoup claim payment.

Overview:

Compression garments are special clothing containing elastic support materials used to apply varying and substantial pressure to an area of the body to assist with the reduction of swelling and to help with tissue remodeling. This policy outlines when compression garments are considered reimbursable. Benefits and frequency limitations may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Membership Agreement or Evidence of Coverage for applicable coverage/benefits.

Policy Statement:

EmblemHealth/ConnectiCare follow CMS reimbursement guidelines for compression garments/stockings when prescribed by a physician and provided by a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) supplier. EmblemHealth/ConnectiCare will consider payment if the requirements outlined in this policy are met.

Allowable HCPCS Codes:

The following are eligible for reimbursement, if a covered benefit, when reported by a DME provider with one of the diagnosis codes listed in the Allowable ICD-10 codes table:

HCPCS Code	Description
A6501	Compression burn garment, bodysuit (head to foot), custom fabricated
A6502	Compression burn garment, chin strap, custom fabricated

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HCPSC Code	Description
A6503	Compression burn garment, facial hood, custom fabricated
A6504	Compression burn garment, glove to wrist, custom fabricated
A6530	Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mm Hg, each
A6531	Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 30-40 mm Hg, each
A6532	Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 40-50 mm Hg, each
A6533	Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 18-30 mm Hg, each
A6534	Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 30-40 mm Hg, each
A6535	Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 40-50 mm Hg, each
A6536	Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 18-30 mm Hg, each
A6537	Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 30-40 mm Hg, each
A6538	Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 40-50 mm Hg, each
A6539	Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 18-30 mm Hg, each
A6540	Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 30-40 mm Hg, each
A6541	Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 40-50 mm Hg, each
A6544	Gradient compression stocking, garter belt
A6549	Gradient compression stocking, not otherwise specified (code requires submission of invoice for payment)

Allowable ICD-10 Codes:

ICD-10 Code	Description
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

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ICD-10 Code	Description
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	Postthrombotic syndrome
I87.2	Venous insufficiency (chronic)(peripheral)
I89.0 - I89.9	Other noninfective disorders of lymphatic vessels and lymph nodes
I95.1	Orthostatic hypotension
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- care]
Q82.0	Hereditary lymphedema
R60.0 - R60.9	Edema, not elsewhere classified

References:

- American Medical Association.
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System.
- Medicare's National Level II Codes HCPCS.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS Manual System and other CMS publications and services

Revision History

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
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