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SHP Compression Stockings and Garments

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Coverage

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See the appropriate benefit document for specific coverage determination. Member specific benefits take precedence over medical policy.

Over the counter compression stockings for members with Optima Medicare Plans will be administrated through their Nation's OTC Benefit.

Application to Products

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- Members whose plans exclude coverage of supplies- Static compression sleeves are only covered for intractable lymphedema of the arms due to mastectomy for breast cancer.

Authorization Requirements

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Pre-certification by the Plan is required.

Description of Item or Service

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Compression stockings are elastic stockings which are used to treat a variety of conditions. Compression garments are used to promote venous or lymphatic circulation.

Exceptions and Limitations

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- Two pairs of garments will be covered upon the initial request (for example: 2 pairs of static compression sleeves and/or gloves per affected arm or 2 pairs of compression stocking per affected leg or 2 compression garments per affected arm, leg, or trunk. Ex: 2 gloves for a single affected hand).
- Either 1 pair of replacement garments every 3 months OR 2 pairs of replacement garments every 6 months for a maximum of 6 pairs (including the initial coverage) of garments per year is considered medically necessary.
- There is insufficient scientific evidence to support the medical necessity of compression stockings and garments for uses other than those listed in the clinical indications for procedure section.

Clinical Indications for Procedure

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- Compression stockings and garments are considered medically necessary with **1 or more** of the following:
 - Compression stockings with **1 or more** of the following:
 - Lymphedema
 - Thrombophlebitis, phlebitis, varicose veins
 - Chronic venous insufficiency
 - Post cardiac bypass surgery
 - Venous ulcers (stasis ulcers)
 - Lipodermatosclerosis
 - Prevention of thrombosis in immobilized individual at low risk for venous thromboembolism
 - Prevention of thrombosis for neurosurgical individuals at moderate risk for venous thromboembolism
 - Edema following surgery, fracture, burns, or other trauma
 - Post sclerotherapy
 - Postural hypotension
 - Severe edema in pregnancy
 - Edema accompanying paraplegia or quadriplegia
 - Neurogenic edema following stroke
 - Edema secondary to severe cardiac failure
 - Compression stockings for burns to prevent scarring and contraction of burn scars
 - Truncal edema and the individual has failed all over conservative measures
 - Static compression sleeves (e.g., Reid sleeve, ArmAssist, Optiflow sleeves, CircAid, Tribute) with **ALL** of the following:
 - Individual with intractable lymphedema of the arms or legs
 - Compression garment liners with **ALL** of the following:
 - Individual with ulcers or reduced circulation at risk for infection
 - 1 pair of silver or non-silver coated liner may be requested every 3 months

Document History

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- Revised Dates:
 - 2019: September
 - 2016: May
 - 2015: March, June, July
 - 2013: January
 - 2012: January

- 2011: January, September
- 2008: September
- 2006: July
- 2005: November
- Reviewed Dates:
 - 2022: October
 - 2021: December
 - 2020: December
 - 2019: May
 - 2018: July
 - 2017: November
 - 2016: January
 - 2015: January
 - 2014: January
 - 2010: September, December
 - 2009: September
 - 2008: October
 - 2005: September
 - 2004: December
 - 2001: August
- Effective Date: January 1994

Coding Information

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- CPT/HCPCS codes covered if policy criteria is met:
 - HCPCS A4465- Nonelastic binder for extremity
 - HCPCS A6507- Compression burn garment, foot to knee length, custom fabricated
 - HCPCS A6508- Compression burn garment, foot to thigh length, custom fabricated
 - HCPCS A6509- Compression burn garment, upper trunk to waist including arm openings (vest), custom fabricated
 - HCPCS A6510- Compression burn garment, trunk, including arms down to leg openings (leotard), custom fabricated
 - HCPCS A6511- Compression burn garment, lower trunk including leg openings (panty), custom fabricated
 - HCPCS A6512- Compression burn garment, not otherwise classified
 - HCPCS A6513- Compression burn mask, face and/or neck, plastic or equal, custom fabricated
 - HCPCS A6530- Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6531- Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 30-40 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6532- Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 40-50 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6533- Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 18-30 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6534- Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 30-40 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6535- Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 40-50 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6536- Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 18-30 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6537- Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 30-40 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6538- Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 40-50 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6539- Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 18-30 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6540- Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 30-40 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6541- Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 40-50 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6544- Gradient compression stocking, garter belt
 - HCPCS A6545 - Gradient compression wrap, nonelastic, below knee, 30-50 mm Hg, each
 - HCPCS A6549- Gradient compression stocking, not otherwise specified
- CPT/HCPCS codes considered not medically necessary per this Policy:
 - None

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