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Web Announcement 2155

Attention Provider Type 33 (Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS)):

Updated Instructions for Using RT/LT Modifiers

Medicare billing changes have made it necessary to update Nevada Medicaid billing practices for the below list of items to ensure correct prior authorization (PA) submission and claim billing.

The right (RT) and left (LT) modifiers must be used when requesting a PA and billing two of the same item or accessory on the same date of service and the items are being used bilaterally. Past direction for products to be used bilaterally instruct providers to use the RT/LT modifier on the same PA or claim line and indicate two (2) units of service. This instruction is no longer accurate and has been changed for the following items:

- Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthoses (AFO/KAFO)
- External Breast Prostheses (EBP)
- Eye Prostheses
- Facial Prostheses
- Knee Orthosis (KO)
- Lower Limb Prostheses (LLP)
- Orthopedic Footwear
- Refractive Lenses
- Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes (TSD)

At this time Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) are still applicable to the codes for the above items and must be followed. Review MUE edits for the appropriate codes at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/MUE>.

See the below example for correct submission of the PA request and the claim:

- Left and right L1970 (Ankle-foot orthosis (AFO), plastic with ankle joint, custom fabricated) are both medically necessary on the same date of service and are ordered by the physician.
 - The PA request and claim must be for 2 units.
 - The resolution is to split the lines and add the modifiers: L1970 LT x 1 on one line and L1970 RT x 1 on another line.