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Web Announcement 249

Attention Provider Types 12, 17, 20, 21, 24, 31, 33, 34, 36, 72, 74 and 77: L Codes for Elastic Garments Are Non-Covered as of April 1, 2009

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that elastic garments do not meet the statutory definition of a brace, because they are not rigid or semi-rigid devices. Therefore, effective with dates of service on and after April 1, 2009, these items will be denied by Nevada Medicaid/Nevada Check Up as non-covered.

This determination applies to the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes:

- L0210** – Thoracic, rib belt
- L1800** – Knee orthosis, elastic with stays, prefabricated
- L1815** – Knee orthosis, elastic or other elastic type material with condylar pad(s), prefabricated
- L1825** – Knee orthosis, elastic knee cap, prefabricated
- L1901** – Ankle orthosis, elastic, prefabricated
- L3651** – Shoulder orthosis, single shoulder, elastic, prefabricated
- L3652** – Shoulder orthosis, double shoulder, elastic, prefabricated
- L3700** – Elbow orthosis, elastic with stays, prefabricated
- L3701** – Elbow orthosis, elastic, prefabricated
- L3909** – Wrist orthosis, elastic, prefabricated
- L3911** – Wrist hand finger orthosis, elastic, prefabricated

The above items will be removed from the next revision of the DMEPOS PT 33 Fee Schedule, which is posted at <http://dhcfp.nv.gov/RatesUnit.htm>.