

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO SUBSTANTIATE MEDICAL NECESSITY FOR LYMPHEDEMA COMPRESSION SUPPLIES:

Coverage Eligibility: Beneficiaries with the following diagnoses qualify for this benefit:

- I89.0 Lymphedema, not elsewhere classified
- 197.2 Postmastectomy lymphedema syndrome
- I97.89 Other postprocedural complications & disorders of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified
- Q82.0: Hereditary lymphedema

Ordering Practitioners: Who can prescribe Lymphedema treatment items?

- Physician:
 - Doctor of medicine
 - Doctor of osteopathy
 - Doctor of podiatric medicine
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist

Medical records from the prescribing practitioner must include:

- Qualifying diagnosis or description of condition, including location
- Lymphedema Stage/Phase (for bandages only)
- Products to be used:
 - Description of garments/bandages
 - mmHg, other relevant information
- Quantity of garments **or** frequency of change for bandages
- Length of Need or Duration of beneficiary's condition
- Fitting/Educational provider's name

Medical Record Quick Facts:

- Records must be available upon request.
- The prescription is not considered part of the medical records.
- The initial justification for medical need is established at the time the item(s) is first ordered.
- For ongoing need (refills), documentation must support that items continues to remain reasonable and necessary.
- Medical Records from a lymphedema treatment professional *may* be used to supplement the prescribing practitioner's documentation; however, records from the prescribing practitioner must also be supportive of the patient's condition and treatment plan.

Medical Record Example: Patient John Doe presents today with bilateral lymphedema, I89.0, on the right and left lower limbs. The treatment prescribed will be compression garments, 20-30mmHg, to be used daily. A quantity of 3 day time garments, per limb will be ordered, total quantity of 6 garments. The patient will need to utilize the compression garments for their lifetime. These garments should be replaced every 6 months.