

# Medicaid Prescription Footwear and Stocking Benefit Update

## Pharmacy and DME Providers and Medicaid Beneficiaries:

On December 9, 2013, Judge Charles J. Siragusa ruled that the limitations on medically necessary orthopedic footwear and compression stockings applied as a result of April 1, 2011 amendments to New York Soc. Serv. Law § 365-a(2)(g)(iii) and (iv) can no longer be applied in Medicaid coverage determinations. (Davis v. Shah, W.D.N.Y., 12-CV-6134)

Effective December 9, 2013, the Medicaid program is returning to medical necessity criteria applied prior to the April 1, 2011 State law amendments.

- The criteria for coverage of medically necessary prescription footwear, shoe modifications and additions is no longer limited to diabetics, children under the age of 21, or for use as part of a lower limb brace.
- The criteria for coverage of medically necessary compression and support stockings coverage is no longer limited to use during pregnancy or for treatment of open venous stasis ulcers.

In fee for service Medicaid, prior authorization through the Dispensing Validation System (DVS) will continue to be required for these items. In addition, effective December 9, 2013 the following procedure codes have been reactivated:

A4495 - #Surgical stockings, thigh length  
A4500 - #Surgical stockings below knee length  
A4510 - #Surgical stockings full length, each  
A6530 - #Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mm Hg  
A6531 - #Gradient compression stocking, below the knee, 30-40mmHg  
A6532 - #Gradient compression stocking, below the knee , 40-50-mmHg  
A6533 - #Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 18-30 mm Hg  
A6534 - #Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 30-40 mm Hg  
A6535 - #Gradient compression stocking, thigh length, 40-50 mm Hg  
A6536 - #Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 18-30 mm Hg  
A6537 - #Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 30-40 mm Hg  
A6538 - #Gradient compression stocking, full length/chap style, 40-50 mm Hg  
A6539 - #Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 18-30 mm Hg  
A6540 - #Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 30-40 mm Hg  
A6541 - #Gradient compression stocking, waist length, 40-50 mm Hg  
A6544 - #Gradient compression stocking, garter belt  
A6549 - Gradient compression stocking, not otherwise specified  
A9999 – used for any type of compression stocking with or without zippers

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