Stockings Benefit Update

Pharmacy and DME providers:

Per legislation, benefit limits have been established for compression and support stockings effective for dates of service on and after 04/01/11.

The following gradient compression stocking codes are covered only when used in the treatment of an open venous stasis ulcer.

- A6531 - # Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 30-40 mm Hg each
- A6532 - # Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 40-50 mm Hg each

Codes A6531 and A6532 are non-covered for any other conditions, including:

- The prevention of ulcers, prevention of the reoccurrence of ulcers, treatment of lymphedema without ulcers, varicose veins, or circulation disorders.

The following surgical stocking code is covered only for treatment of severe varicosities and edema during pregnancy.

- A4510 - # Surgical stockings full length, each (for treatment of severe varicosities and edema during pregnancy, any compression gradient)

Effective 04/01/11, the following codes are no longer a Medicaid benefit:

- A4495 - #Surgical stockings, thigh length
- A4500 - #Surgical stockings below knee length
- A6530 - #Gradient compression stocking, below knee, 18-30 mm Hg
- 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 – Miscellaneous DME supply or accessory, not otherwise specified.

- Discontinued if used for any type of compression stockings with or without zippers.

Questions may be directed to the Division of Provider Relations and Utilization Management, 1 800 342-3005, option 1.

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