

CHEAT SHEET: MEDICARE DOCUMENTATION

Here's How NEW Medicare Documentation Requirements Affect YOU as the Referring Therapist, with Guidance on How to Update Your Procedures for Best Results

Recent Medicare Audits of the New Compression Codes have Revealed Two Very Important Changes to Documentation Requirements that Raise the Standards for Establishing Medical Necessity and Making Sure Your Patients Receive Proper Coverage

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Lymphedema Dx

New, ADDITIONAL Documentation from Treating Practitioner Beyond the Customary Rx...



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Custom Garments

Patient-Specific, Written Justification in Your Plan of Care when Ordering Custom Compression Garments for Patients...



A Dx of Lymphedema CANNOT Come ONLY From You as Referring Therapist

- Qualifying Dx MUST be Listed in the Medical Record from at Least ONE of the Patient's Treating Practitioners (MD, NP, PA, DO)

B New Supporting Medical Records Required

- Office Notes from ANY Treating Practitioner (MD, NP, PA, DO) Containing Qualifying Dx of Lymphedema in Either ICD-10 or Written Form

A Justification for Custom Compression Garments MUST Be Clearly Stated and Patient-Specific (NOT Templated). Here are Examples of Best Practice:

- Significant Disparity Between the Proximal and Distal Limb Circumferences:
 - Therefore, Measurements Dictate Custom-Fit Garments...
- Presence of Skin Folds or Tissue Contours Necessitating a Specialized Knitting Pattern:
 - Therefore, Custom Flat-Knit Material Required for Wall Stability and Containment...
- Intolerance to the Fabric Composition of Ready-to-Wear Garments:
 - Such as Skin Sensitivity, Latex Allergy, Open Wounds, etc.
 - Therefore, Custom Flat-Knit Material is Therapeutically Necessary...

B These are NOT Exhaustive Justifications. Please Consult with Your Case Manager to Determine if Medical Necessity Can be Established for Custom Garments

C Written Justification for Custom Garments Can be Provided by ANY ONE OR MORE of the Referring Therapist, Fitter, or Prescribing Practitioner

Talk to One of Our Certified Fitters Anytime...



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And if you've got questions about documentation, garment selection, or insurance coverage, our Case Managers are always here to help.

