

Authorization of Services Unit - Clinical Criteria

Crosswalk to CMS Coverage Guidance

Purpose: To provide a standardized reference to CMS coverage guidelines (NCDs, LCDs, and IOMs) for services that require prior authorization under Medicare Advantage, supporting consistent application of Medicare criteria and regulatory compliance.

Procedure	Internet-Only Manuals (IOMs)
Ambulance Services	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual
Chiropractic	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual
Coverage of Hospice Services	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual
Home Health Services	Medicare Benefit Policy Manual

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Procedure	Medicare Coverage Database Link
Adult Liver Transplantation	NCD - Adult Liver Transplantation (260.1) (cms.gov)
Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis	LCD - Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthosis (L33686)
Application of Skin Substitute Grafts for Treatment of DFU and VLU of Lower Extremities	LCD - Application of Skin Substitute Grafts for Treatment of DFU and VLU of Lower Extremities (L36377)
Assessing Patient's Suitability for Electrical Nerve Stimulation Therapy	NCD - Assessing Patient's Suitability for Electrical Nerve Stimulation Therapy (160.7.1)
Automatic External Defibrillators	LCD - Automatic External Defibrillators (L33690)
Bariatric Surgery for Treatment of Co-Morbid Conditions Related to Morbid Obesity	NCD - Bariatric Surgery for Treatment of Co-Morbid Conditions Related to Morbid Obesity (100.1) (cms.gov)
Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis Repair and Surgical Procedures of the Brow	LCD - Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis Repair and Surgical Procedures of the Brow (L34028)
Cervical Traction Devices	LCD - Cervical Traction Devices (L33823)
Cochlear Implantation	NCD - Cochlear Implantation (50.3)

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Cold Therapy (pad)	LCD - Cold Therapy (L33735)
Cosmetics and Reconstructive Surgery	LCD - Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery (L38914)
Cytogenetic Studies	NCD - Cytogenetic Studies (190.3) (cms.gov)
Durable Medical Equipment Reference List	NCD - Durable Medical Equipment Reference List (280.1)
Electronic Speech Aids	NCD - Electronic Speech Aids (50.2)
Electrotherapy for Treatment of Facial Nerve Paralysis (Bell's Palsy)	NCD - Electrotherapy for Treatment of Facial Nerve Paralysis (Bell's Palsy) (160.15)
External Breast Prostheses	LCD - External Breast Prostheses (L33317)
External Counterpulsation (ECP) Therapy for Severe Angina	NCD - External Counterpulsation (ECP) Therapy for Severe Angina (20.20)
External Infusion Pumps	LCD - External Infusion Pumps (L33794)
FDG PET for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases	NCD - FDG PET for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases (220.6.13)

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Glucose Monitors	LCD - Glucose Monitors (L33822)
Heart Transplants	NCD - Heart Transplants (260.9) (cms.gov)
Home Blood Glucose Monitors (talking)	NCD - Home Blood Glucose Monitors (40.2)
Home Prothrombin Time/International Normalized Ratio (PT/INR) Monitoring for Anticoagulation Management	NCD - Home Prothrombin Time/International Normalized Ratio (PT/INR) Monitoring for Anticoagulation Management (190.11)
Hospital Beds and Accessories	LCD - Hospital Beds And Accessories (L33820)
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy	NCD - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (20.29)
Infrared Therapy Devices	NCD - Infrared Therapy Devices (270.6)
Infusion Pumps	NCD - Infusion Pumps (280.14)
Intestinal and Multi-Visceral Transplantation	NCD - Intestinal and Multi-Visceral Transplantation (260.5) (cms.gov)
Knee Orthoses	LCD - Knee Orthoses (L33318)

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Knee Orthoses - Policy Article	Article - Knee Orthoses - Policy Article (A52465)
Lower Limb Prostheses	LCD - Lower Limb Prostheses (L33787)
Manual Wheelchair Bases	LCD - Manual Wheelchair Bases (L33788)
Mechanical In-exsufflation Devices	LCD - Mechanical In-exsufflation Devices (L33795)
Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pumps	LCD - Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pumps (L33821) (cms.gov)
Oral Appliances for Obstructive Sleep Apnea	LCD - Oral Appliances for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (L33611)
Orthopedic Footwear - Policy Article	Article - Orthopedic Footwear - Policy Article (A52481)
Oximeter	Article - Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment - Policy Article (A52514)
Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment	LCD - Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment (L33797)
Oxygen Equipment - Policy Article (during travel)	Article - Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment - Policy Article (A52514)

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Pancreas Transplants	NCD - Pancreas Transplants (260.3) (cms.gov)
Patient Lifts	LCD - Patient Lifts (L33799)
Pneumatic Compression Devices	NCD - Pneumatic Compression Devices (280.6)
Polysomnography and Sleep Testing	LCD - Polysomnography and Sleep Testing (L33405)
Power Mobility Devices	LCD - Power Mobility Devices (L33789)
Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces - Group 2	LCD - Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces - Group 2 (L33642)
Routine Foot Care	LCD - Routine Foot Care (L33941)
Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO	LCD - Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO (L33790)
Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO - Policy Article	Article - Spinal Orthoses: TLSO and LSO - Policy Article (A52500)
Stem Cell Transplantation (Formerly 110.8.1)	NCD - Stem Cell Transplantation (Formerly 110.8.1) (110.23) (cms.gov)

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Sterilization	NCD - Sterilization (230.3) (cms.gov)
Suction Pumps	LCD - Suction Pumps (L33612)
Surgical Dressings	LCD - Surgical Dressings (L33831)
Surgical Dressings (see also Wound Care)	LCD - Surgical Dressings (L33831) (cms.gov)
Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity	LCD - Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity (L33411)
Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency of the Lower Extremities	LCD - Treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency of the Lower Extremities (L38720)
Vacuum Erection Devices (VED)	LCD - Vacuum Erection Devices (VED) (L34824)
Walkers	LCD - Walkers (L33791)
Wound Care (see also Surgical Dressings)	LCD - Wound Care (L37166)