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DME Index Changes - Effective October 1, 1997

DME Index changes

Changes in the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Index and Wheelchair Options and Accessories Chart are effective October 1, 1997. Major changes are described below and in the accompanying DME Index and Chart.

Changes due to HCPCS code updates

Due to changes in HCPCS codes, the DME Index is revised to:

- Add codes for orthotics and prosthetics (L2039, L2430, L2755, L4390, L4392, L4394, L4396, L4398, L5987, and L8417).
- Delete codes for orthotics and prosthetics (K0126, K0127, K0128, K0129, K0130, L7160, L7165). (K1026 - K0130 are replaced by new codes: L4390, L4392, L4394, L4396, and L4398).
- Add a code for a brake attachment for a wheeled walker (E0159).
- Change descriptions for orthotic and prosthetic procedure codes (L0900, L0920, L0940, L1210, L1650).

- Change description for an osteogenesis stimulator (E0748).

Other DME Index changes

The DME Index is also changed to:

- Add a page for codes with modifiers.
- Revise the introduction to the DME Index for clarification.
- Add codes for gel cell batteries for wheelchairs (K0083, K0085, K0087).
- Increase the Medicaid life expectancy for lead acid batteries and battery chargers (K0082, K0084, K0086, K0088).
- Add a code for a humidifier used with C-PAP (K0268).
- Add a code for a specialized hydraulic bath lift, e.g., Aquatech (W6813) and the modifiers to be used for accessories for the specialized hydraulic bath lift.

- Delete outdated local codes for a disposable humidifier (W1025), space shoes (W6506), manual tilt-in-space (W6719), and wheelchair electronics (W6714, W6716). Use K0009 for a manual tilt-in-space.
- Add a maximum allowable fee for a needle-free injection device (A4210).
- Decrease maximum allowable fees for several humidifiers (E0560, W6782) and increase the maximum allowable fee for the Concha-Pack humidifier (W6783).
- Decrease maximum allowable fees for several orthotic procedure codes (L3001, L3040, L3050).
- Increase maximum allowable fees for a power recline (W6718), power tilt-in-space (W6857), and electric patient lift (E0635).
- Clarify descriptions of a specialized hospital bed or crib (W6809), power operated vehicles (E1230 and E1230-30), power tilt-in-space (W6857), and power recline (W6718) to make it clear that the maximum allowable fees for these codes include all the parts necessary to the functioning of the equipment.
- Clarify descriptions of trach speaking valve (L8501) and peak flowmeter (W6795).
- Add purchase as an option and clarify descriptions for apnea monitors (E0608) and pulse oximeters (W6776).
- Change description and increase maximum allowable fee for a prosthetic code (L5814).