

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.