

Notification of Medical Policy Revisions: November 2018

Medical Policy	Revision
Orthotics: Knee Orthoses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Clarification; LCD L33318; LCA A52465 • Alphabetized the Definition list, Indications for Coverage: Removed Section B. #3, and Section C: Removed Codes K0901, K0902 and added L1851, L1852.
Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review; NCD 20.32 • Per MD input, Indications for Coverage removed #1: "The Medical Director will review all TAVR requests" per committee recommendation.
Varicose Vein Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Clarification; LCD L33454 • Indications for Coverage: Moved Note about Conservative therapy under #2. • Moved #4 (ERFA criteria) under what was #5 and is now #4. • Added CPT code for SEPS to #4 sub point F. • Moved Stab Phlebectomy Note to #4 sub point E. • Definition section of policy, Added "Mechanochemical Ablation utilizes both sclerotherapy and mechanical damage to the lumen. Following ultrasound imaging, a disposable catheter with a motor drive is inserted into the distal end of the target vein and advanced to the saphenofemoral junction. As the catheter is pulled back, a wire rotates at 3,500 rpm within the lumen of the vein, abrading the lumen. At the same time, a liquid sclerosant (sodium tetradecyl sulfate) is infused near the rotating wire. It is proposed that mechanical ablation allows for better efficacy of the sclerosant, and results in less pain and risk of nerve injury without the need for the tumescent anesthesia used in radiofrequency (RF) ablation or endovenous laser ablation (EVLT)." • Special Notes: Added "The standard of venous disease is the CEAP (Clinical, Etiologic, Anatomic, Pathophysiologic) classification system The following is the Clinical portion of the CEAP: C0 No visible or palpable signs of venous disease C1 Telangiectasies or reticular veins C2 Varicose veins C3 Edema C4a Pigmentation and eczema C4b Lipodermatosclerosis and atrophie blanche C5 Healed venous ulcer C6 Active venous ulcer S Symptoms including ache, pain, tightness, skin irritation, heaviness, muscle cramps, as well as other complaints attributable to venous dysfunction A Asymptomatic"; • Changed "layer" to "classify" in definition of CEAP • References updated by adding #4.