

Insurance Coverage for Lymphedema Compression Garments and Supplies



What is the Lymphedema Treatment Act and who does it affect?

The Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA) is a bill that was passed by Congress in December of 2022 to enable Medicare coverage for lymphedema compression garments and supplies. The new coverage went into effect on January 1, 2024. The information below is specific to Original Medicare, however, most other insurance plans eventually follow Medicare precedent.

What is required for coverage?

- A lymphedema diagnosis. The applicable codes are:
 - Q82.0 Hereditary lymphedema
 - I89.0 Lymphedema, not elsewhere classified
 - I97.2 Postmastectomy lymphedema syndrome
 - I97.89 Other postprocedural complications and disorders of the circulatory system, not elsewhere classified
- A prescription for the item or items.
- Clinical notes including stage of lymphedema, and if ordering a custom garment, notes must indicate why a ready to wear garment is not indicated for the patient.

What compression supplies will be covered?

- Custom and standard fit daytime and nighttime garments.
- Custom and standard fit gradient compression wraps with adjustable straps.
- Bandaging supplies for any phase of treatment.
- Accessories including but not limited to donning and doffing aids, padding, linings, and zippers.

What quantities will be covered?

- Daytime garments – 3 sets (one garment for each affected body part) every six months.
- Nighttime garments – 2 sets (one garment for each affected body part) every two years.
- Bandaging supplies – no set limit.
- Accessories – no set limit, determined on a case-by-case basis depending on needs of the patient.

For Patients: What will my out of pocket costs be?

For Original Medicare, these supplies are covered under Part B, so the annual Part B deductible and 20% coinsurance apply. For Medicare Advantage and all other types of insurance, out-of-pocket costs will vary depending on the specific terms of the plan, and will likely be subject to the same copays and deductibles as others supplies covered under the DMEPOS (Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic and Orthotic Supplies) section of the policy.

For Providers: What are the codes and reimbursement rates?

There are more than 80 codes for lymphedema compression supplies. Please visit our website for the list of codes and corresponding reimbursement rates, and for additional information.

