

Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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Subject: Addition of Temporary “K” Codes

SCOPE

Effective July 1, 2003, new “K” codes will be established for billing Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (TLSO).

IMPLEMENTATION

Effective July 1, 2003, the following codes must be added to the DMERC system as follows:

K0618 - TLSO, sagittal-coronal control, modular segmented spinal system, two rigid plastic shells, posterior extends from the sacrococcygeal junction and terminates just inferior to the scapular spine, anterior extends from the symphysis pubis to the xiphoid, soft liner, restricts gross trunk motion in the sagittal and coronal planes, lateral strength is provided by overlapping plastic and stabilizing closures, includes straps and closures, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

K0619 - TLSO, sagittal-coronal control, modular segmented spinal system, three rigid plastic shells, posterior extends from the sacrococcygeal junction and terminates just inferior to the scapular spine, anterior extends from the symphysis pubis to the xiphoid, soft liner, restricts gross trunk motion in the sagittal and coronal planes, lateral strength is provided by overlapping plastic and stabilizing closures, includes straps and closures, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

CWF Category	3, 60
DMERC DMEPOS Category	3
Type of Service	P
Place of Service	12, 31, 32, 33, 54, 55, 56
Pricing	38 Orthotics, Prosthetics, Prosthetic Devices & Vision Services

NOTE: These new codes, since they are for prosthetic devices, will not be subject to home health consolidated billing, but will be subject to SNF consolidated billing.

EDUCATION

DMERCs must publish this information in their next regularly scheduled bulletins and post it on their Web sites within one month of receiving this Program Memorandum (PM).

If you have a list-serv that targets the affected provider community, you should use it to notify subscribers that information about Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (TLSO) billing is available on your Web site.

The *effective date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, contact your Regional Office.