



## Pneumatic Compression Devices

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## Enterprise Policy

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PacificSource is committed to assessing and applying current regulatory standards, widely-used treatment guidelines, and evidenced-based clinical literature when developing clinical criteria for coverage determination. Each policy contains a list of sources (references) that serves as the summary of evidence used in the development and adoption of the criteria. The evidence was considered to ensure the criteria provide clinical benefits that promote patient safety and/or access to appropriate care. Each clinical policy is reviewed, updated as needed, and readopted, at least annually, to reflect changes in regulation, new evidence, and advancements in healthcare.

Clinical Guidelines are written when necessary to provide guidance to providers and members in order to outline and clarify coverage criteria in accordance with the terms of the Member's policy. This Clinical Guideline only applies to PacificSource Health Plans, PacificSource Community Health Plans, and PacificSource Community Solutions in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Because of the changing nature of medicine, this list is subject to revision and update without notice. This document is designed for informational purposes only and is not an authorization or contract. Coverage determinations are made on a case-by-case basis and subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the Member's policy. Member policies differ in benefits and to the extent a conflict exists between the Clinical Guideline and the Member's policy, the Member's policy language shall control. Clinical Guidelines do not constitute medical advice nor guarantee coverage.

## Background

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Pneumatic compression devices consist of an inflatable garment for the arm or leg and an electrical pneumatic pump that fills the garment with compressed air. The garment is intermittently inflated and deflated with cycle times and pressures that vary between devices. Coverage for home use of pneumatic compression devices is available within the following three diagnostic categories: Chronic venous insufficiency (CVI), lymphedema, and prevention of deep venous thrombosis (DVT).

## Criteria

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### Commercial

#### Prior authorization is required

##### I. Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI) with Venous Stasis Ulcers

PacificSource considers Pneumatic Compression Devices for the treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency of the lower extremities medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria is met:

- A. Pharmacologic anticoagulation is contraindicated (e.g., Gastrointestinal bleed)

- B.** One or more venous stasis ulcer(s) which have failed to heal after a six-month trial of conservative therapy that included compression bandages or garments and exercise/elevation of the affected limb.
- C.** Documentation of venous stasis ulcer location and measurements are required before beginning compression device treatment.

**Note:** Initial approval is for three (3) months. Subsequent rental or purchase requires documentation of efficacy and patient compliance.

## **II. Lymphedema**

PacificSource considers Pneumatic Compression Devices for the treatment of lymphedema medically necessary when **BOTH** of the following criteria are met:

- A.** Four-week trial of conservative therapy that included compression bandage system or garment, exercise, and elevation of the limb
- B.** Treating physician determines that there has been no significant improvement or significant symptoms remain after the four-week trial.

**Note:** Initial approval is for 3 months. Subsequent rental or purchase requires documentation of efficacy and patient compliance.

## **III. Prevention of Deep Venous Thrombosis (DVT)**

PacificSource considers intermittent Pneumatic Compression Devices with extremity pump medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria is met:

- A.** Orders for strict bed rest **OR** a medical or neurological condition preventing ambulation
- B.** No deep venous thrombosis
- C.** No lower extremity arterial disease
- D.** No skin disease of extremity
- E.** No untreated cellulitis

**Note:** Pumps meeting the coverage criteria for DVT prevention may be approved for rental up to one month. Continued rental may be authorized if the above criteria continues to be met.

## **Medicaid**

PacificSource Community Solutions follows OARs 410-120-1200, 410-141-3820 through 3830 and Guideline Note 173 of the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Prioritized List of Health Services for Pneumatic Compression Devices (E0650-E0673 and E0676). OHP considers there to be insufficient evidence of effectiveness for these devices.

For coverage of Pneumatic Compression Devices not specified in Guideline Note 173 of the OHP Prioritized List of Health Services, PacificSource Community Solutions follows OARs 410-141-3820 through 3830, 410-122-0080, National Coverage Determination (NCD) 280.6, and Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L33829.

Additionally, for members under the age of 21, PacificSource Community Solutions (PCS) follows the OARs 410-151-0000 through 0003 for coverage of services.

## **Medicare**

PacificSource Medicare follows National Coverage Determination (NCD) 280.6 and Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L33829 for coverage of Pneumatic Compression Devices.

## Experimental/Investigational/Unproven

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PacificSource considers the use of a pneumatic compression device to treat arterial insufficiency with exception of application during surgical intervention to be experimental, investigational, or unproven.

## Coding Information

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The following list of codes are for informational purposes only and may not be all-inclusive. Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

### **HCPCS codes (for segmented and non-segmented devices for full arm or leg or half leg):**

- E0650 Pneumatic compressor, nonsegmental home model
- E0651 Pneumatic compressor, segmental home model without calibrated gradient pressure
- E0652 Pneumatic compressor, segmental home model with calibrated gradient pressure
- E0655 Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, half arm
- E0656 Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, trunk
- E0657 Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, chest
- E0660 Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full leg
- E0665 Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full arm
- E0666 Nonsegmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, half leg
- E0667 Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full leg
- E0668 Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, full arm
- E0669 Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, half leg
- E0670 Segmental pneumatic appliance for use with pneumatic compressor, integrated, 2 full legs, trunk
- E0671 Segmental gradient pressure pneumatic appliance, full leg
- E0672 Segmental gradient pressure pneumatic appliance, full arm
- E0673 Segmental gradient pressure pneumatic appliance, half leg
- E0675 Pneumatic compression device, high pressure, rapid inflation/deflation cycle, for arterial insufficiency (unilateral or bilateral system)
- E0676 Intermittent limb compression device (includes all accessories), not otherwise specified

## Definitions

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**Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI)** – obstruction or reflux of blood flow in the veins caused by abnormalities of the venous wall and valves.

**Lymphedema** - the swelling of subcutaneous tissues due to the accumulation of excessive fluid in the lymph system.

**Peripheral Artery Occlusive Disease** occurs when blood flow to the legs is reduced due to atherosclerosis, thrombus formation or embolization.

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## Appendix

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