5160-10-14 **DMEPOS: compression garments.**

(A) Provider requirement. A provider of custom-made or custom-fitted compression garments must either employ or contract with a certified fitter and must keep documentation of this relationship on file.

(B) Coverage.

- (1) The default certificate of medical necessity (CMN) form is the ODM 01905, "Certificate of Medical Necessity: Compression Garments" (rev. 7/2018).
- (2) Payment may be made only for compression garments generating a pressure of at least eighteen millimeters of mercury (mm Hg).
- (3) For a gradient compression garment, the provider must specify at least one clinical indication such as but not limited to the conditions specified in the following list:
 - (a) Elephantiasis;
 - (b) Lymphedema;
 - (c) Milroy's disease;
 - (d) Orthostatic hypotension;
 - (e) Post-thrombotic syndrome;
 - (f) Stasis dermatitis:
 - (g) Stasis ulcers;
 - (h) Symptomatic chronic venous insufficiency (characterized by, for example, pain, swelling, ulcers, or severe varicose veins);
 - (i) Symptomatic venous insufficiency associated with pregnancy; or
 - (j) Thrombophlebitis.
- (4) Payment for an anti-embolism compression garment may be limited to three months, because such garments are generally used for short-term treatment after surgery.
- (5) Payment for a post-burn compression garment cannot be made if no burn injury has occurred.

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(6) It is understood that because of the nature of certain applications, authorization for payment may be granted after an item has been dispensed.

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