

Ortho Skin™ Waterproof Cast Liner

Reimbursement

2013 Edition*

The information provided in this brochure is based on CMS (Medicare) guidelines. Commercial insurance carriers can develop their own guidelines; however many use Medicare's guidelines / RVU system as a basis for their guidelines.

Coverage Policy for Casting Supplies		
Medicare	Local Coverage Decision (LCD)	Check local Medicare Carrier's Web Site
Medicaid State	State Policies	Check State Policies
Commercial Insurance	by Plan Design, Medical Policies, Patient Eligibility	Check Contract, Carrier's Web Site, and Patient's Coverage

Frequently Asked Reimbursement Questions

Are casting supplies reimbursable?

Yes. Under section 1861 (s) (5) and 1861 (s) (2) (A) of the Social Security Act, casting supplies are reimbursable. Casting supplies are considered supplies that are furnished as an integral part of the physician's professional service in the course of treatment for a fracture or dislocation.

Can we bill separately for casting supplies?

Yes. If you are applying cast padding and fiberglass that is purchased by your facility / office, you can bill the patient / insurance for those supplies. Casting supplies are NOT included in the practice expense component of the RVU for fracture care codes; therefore casting supplies are separately billable. Refer to the following coding authorities for details:

CMS Physician Final Rule for 2007 (71FR69644); Medicare Claims Processing Manual Pub. 100-04, Ch. 12, Section 40; Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Pub. 100-02, Ch. 15, Section 60 and 100, current edition of the CPT® Coding Book, and the Complete Global Service Data for Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Do we bill per roll or per cast for Ortho Skin™ Waterproof Cast Liner?

Billing per roll or per cast is going to depend on the given carrier and your office's practices. Medicare has stated that the Q Codes are per cast. If you don't know what your contracted carriers prefer, you may request it from your contract carrier.

How much do we charge?

Your office will have to develop an internal policy. An Average Material Cost Chart for Ortho Skin Cast Liner is available to help your office understand actual material cost.

Can we collect payment up front from the patient for Ortho Skin Cast Liner?

Collecting payment up front from patients can become an issue depending on the contracts that you have in place with insurance companies. If the patient's insurance is not one that your office has contracted with, then you might be able to collect money up front from the patient. If your office is contracted with the patient's insurance, you will need to find out what is stated in your contract. If you cannot locate this information, you may request it from your contracted carriers.

Do we need an Advance Beneficiary Notice?

Many carriers, including Medicare, have indicated that it is a good idea to get an Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) and / or waiver signed by the patient.

When billing Medicare, does the claim go to the local Carrier or to the DMERC Carrier?

Local Carrier.

The 2007 Medicare Physician Final Rule (71FR69644) details the continued use of HCPCS Q Codes to bill for casting and splint supplies. Under the Medicare RVU system, all casting supplies were removed from the practice expense (PE) component of the RVU for fracture care procedure codes (see list below). **Therefore, for initial and subsequent casting procedures, casting supplies are always separately billable.**

Series	Description
24500 through 24685	Humerus (Upper Arm) and Elbow
25500 through 25695	Forearm and Wrist
26600 through 26785	Hand and Finger
27500 through 27566	Femur (Thigh Region) and Knee Joint
27750 through 27848	Leg (Tibia and Fibula) and Ankle Joint
28400 through 28675	Foot and Toes
29000 through 29750	Application of Casts and Strapping

CASTING SUPPLY CODES ACCEPTED FOR ORTHO SKIN CAST LINER

The code(s) you select when billing for casting supplies will depend on the insurance carrier that you are billing. Check your Physician Fee Schedules and / or Carrier’s Policies for the preferred code(s).

Code	Description	Notes	Accepted By	
			Medicare / Medicaid	Commercial Carriers
Q4050	Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of cast	Use in addition to the appropriate Q Code for fiberglass (partial list below)	X	X
A4590	Special casting material (e.g., fiberglass)	Use to bill for ORTHO SKIN Cast Liner plus fiberglass		X
99070	Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	Still used by some carriers; for example, Industrial Carriers		X

Below is a partial list of Q Codes for fiberglass. When using Q4050 to bill for ORTHO SKIN Cast Liner, you will also need to use the appropriate Q Code for the fiberglass used in the cast application.

Code	Description
Q4006	Cast supplies, long arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4008	Cast supplies, long arm cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass
Q4010	Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4012	Cast supplies, short arm cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass
Q4030	Cast supplies, long leg cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4032	Cast supplies, long leg cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass
Q4038	Cast supplies, short leg cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4040	Cast supplies, short leg cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass

BILLING BASICS FOR CASTING SUPPLIES

Select The Proper Codes

- CPT Procedure Code(s)
- ICD-9 Diagnosis Code(s)

Always Bill Casting Supplies Separately

- Select the appropriate HCPCS code(s) or CPT code depending on the insurance carrier

Initial Cast

Bill Service

- Select the initial global fracture treatment CPT® code
- Global service includes the application of the first cast
- Attending physician applies initial cast and assumes all follow-up care

Bill Casting Supplies Separately

- Select the appropriate casting supply code(s)

Subsequent cast

Bill Service

- Select the appropriate CPT® code

Bill Casting Supplies Separately

- Select the appropriate casting supply code(s)

CASTING SUPPLY CODE USE EXAMPLES

Use of Q Codes

Description	CPT Code	Note
Initial Cast		
Closed treatment of radial shaft fracture, without manipulation	25500	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass	Q4010	Check with carriers to see if code is used per roll or per application
Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of cast	Q4050 (for ORTHO SKIN® Cast Liner)	Some carriers may require a description of supplies in box 19 of CMS 1500 form and / or documentation
Subsequent Cast		
Application cast, elbow to finger (short arm)	29075	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass	Q4010	Check with carriers to see if code is used per roll or per application
Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of cast	Q4050 (for ORTHO SKIN® Cast Liner)	Some carriers may require a description of supplies in box 19 of CMS 1500 form and / or documentation

Use of A Codes

Description	CPT Code	Note
Initial Cast		
Closed treatment of radial shaft fracture, without manipulation	25500	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Special casting material (e.g. fiberglass)	A4590 (for fiberglass plus ORTHO SKIN Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items
Subsequent Cast		
Application cast, elbow to finger (short arm)	29075	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Special casting material (e.g. fiberglass)	A4590 (for fiberglass plus ORTHO SKIN Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items

Use of 99070

Description	CPT Code	Note
Initial Cast		
Closed treatment of radial shaft fracture, without manipulation	25500	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	99070 (for fiberglass plus ORTHO SKIN Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items, some carriers may require an invoice/documentation
Subsequent Cast		
Application cast, elbow to finger (short arm)	29075	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	99070 (for fiberglass plus ORTHO SKIN Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items, some carriers may require an invoice/documentation

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Physicians and hospitals are responsible for selecting and reporting the code(s) that most accurately describe the procedure(s) performed, the products used and the patient's condition. The basis for accurate coding is clear and complete documentation in the medical record, precisely describing the procedures performed and products used.

Providers should follow coding guidelines from the patient's insurer, and should also review the complete coding authorities (e.g., CPT®, HCPCS, ICD-9-CM) used by the insurer.

The identification of a code in this Coding Overview should not be construed to guarantee coverage for a product or procedure, or payment in any particular amount.



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