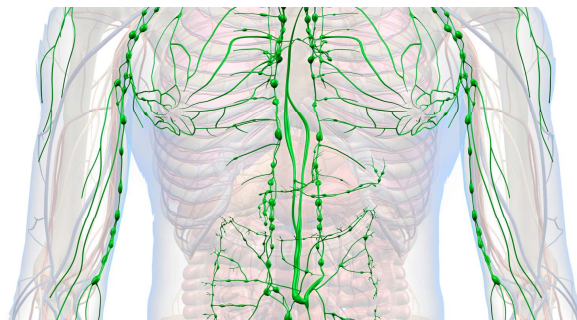


The Lymphedema Treatment Act



THE NEW INSURANCE COVERAGE OF MEDICARE SERVICES
(CMS) AS OF JANUARY 2024

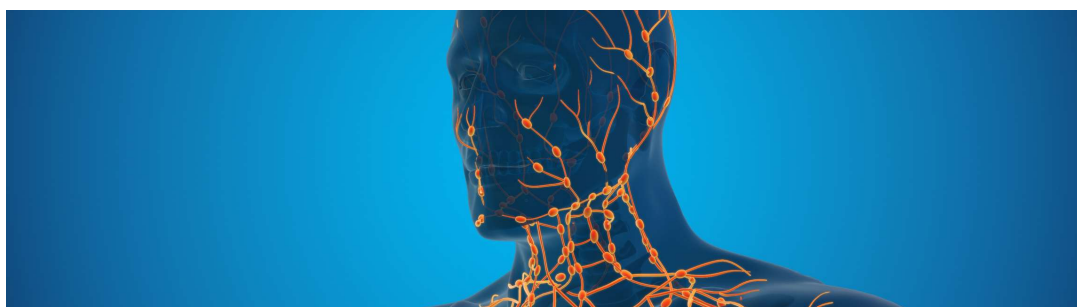
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Introduction of the LTA



WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS:

- WHAT IS THE LTA?
- WHO'S ELIGIBLE?
- WHAT IS COVERED?
- HOW OFTEN WILL GARMENTS BE ALLOWED?
- FINDING YOUR NECESSARY SUPPLIES.



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What is the LTA?



- THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT IS A FEDERAL LAW AIMED AT IMPROVING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF LYMPHEDEMA
- IT ENSURES THAT MEDICARE PLANS COVER COMPRESSION GARMENTS, BANDAGES AND OTHER SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO MANAGE LYMPHEDEMA



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Who Is Eligible?



- LYMPHEDEMA, NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED (**189.0**)
- HEREDITARY LYMPHEDEMA (**Q82.0**)
- POSTMASTECTOMY LYMPHEDEMA SYNDROME (**197.2**)
- OTHER POSTPROCEDURAL COMPLICATIONS AND DISORDERS OF THE CIRCULATOR SYSTEM NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED (**197.89**)

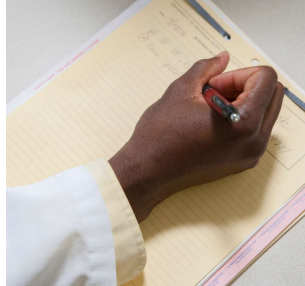


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How to Access Benefits



OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION FROM YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER



SUBMIT NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY



FOLLOW UP TO ENSURE PROCESSING



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Tips for Working with Insurance Providers



KEEP DETAILED RECORDS OF ALL COMMUNICATION



BE CLEAR AND CONCISE WHEN EXPLAINING YOUR NEEDS



KNOW YOUR POLICY AND APPEAL DECISIONS IF NECESSARY



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Complete Decongestive Therapy



A CERTIFIED LYMPHEDEMA THERAPIST (CLT) CAN PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN HELPING YOU OBTAIN YOUR COMPRESSION GARMENTS THROUGH THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT. NOT ONLY CAN THEY MAKE THE APPROPRIATE REDUCTION OF GIRTH, EDUCATE YOU FOR BEST PRACTICES AND RISK REDUCTION, THEY WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO PICKING THE BEST SUITED GARMENT AND WORK WITH YOU TO LEARN HOW TO PUT IT ON AND TAKE IT OFF PROPERLY.



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Insurance Coverage Allows:

- CUSTOM & READY MADE DAYTIME & NIGHTTIME COMPRESSION GARMENTS
- GRADIENT COMPRESSION WRAPS & ADJUSTABLE STRAPS
- BANDAGING SUPPLIES FOR ANY PHASE OF TREATMENT
- ACCESSORIES INCLUDING TO BUT NOT LIMITED TO DONNING AND DOFFING AIDS, PADDING, FILLERS, LININGS AND ZIPPERS



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Garment Supply Schedule

DAYTIME	3 SETS EACH BODY PART	EVERY 6 MOS
NIGHTTIME	2 SETS EACH BODY PART	EVERY 2 YEARS
BANDAGE SUPPLIES	NO SET LIMIT IN THE RULE	
ACCESSORIES	NO SET LIMIT	CASE BY CASE



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Finding Your Necessary Supplies

- SPEAK WITH YOUR CLT. THEY MAY WORK WITH A DMEPOS OR THEIR FACILITY MAY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS TO BECOME A DMEPOS.
- CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY. THEY MAY ONLY WORK WITH CERTAIN BUSINESSES AS IN NETWORK PLAN
- THE LTA WEBSITE HAS NAMES LISTED UNDER “LYMPHEDEMA COMPRESSION SUPPLIERS” PAGE
- SEARCH ONLINE BUSINESSES “WHERE TO FIND COMPRESSION GARMENTS FOR LYMPHEDEMA”



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Patient Rights & Advocacy



- UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE LYMPHEDEMA TREATMENT ACT
- ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF BY STAYING INFORMED
- JOIN SUPPORT GROUPS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS



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Resources & Support



- LymphedemaTreatmentAct.org (LTA)
- National Lymphedema Network (NLN)
- Lymphatic Education & Research Network (LERN)
- Lymphology Association of North America (LANA)
- Lipedema Simplified
- Lipedema Foundation
- International Lipodema Foundation
- International Lymphoedema Framework
- Lymphie Strong support group



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Bibliography

ALL THE INFORMATION DIRECTLY PERTAINING TO THE LTA HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE LTA'S WEBSITE

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Any Questions?



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