

CHEAT SHEET: HOW TO MANAGE RISK

Now That Medicare Has Established a First-Ever Written Standard for Compression Garments, It's Important to Update Your Best Practices to Manage the Professional Risk Associated with These New Documented Standards.

Your Plan of Care for the At-Home Maintenance Phase of Lymphedema Treatment Now has a First-Ever Written Standard. Here are Important Considerations to Help Manage the Professional Risk These New Standards Pose for You & Your Clinic:

STEP 1 Documentation

Loop your Referring Physician into your diagnosis and documentation, and request same...



STEP 2 Garment Plan

Make sure your garment plan meets or exceeds the new Medicare Standard, and don't advise less...



A Medicare Audits Have Revealed Flaws in Our Historic Approach

- Lymphedema Dx MUST Be Diagnosed by You AND the Referring Physician
- Medicare ONLY Acknowledges the DX by an MD/NP/PA/DO
 - Even Though YOU Probably First Confirmed Lymphedema

B The Physician Who Signs the RX Must Have the Same Dx in Office Notes

- This is CRITICAL for Medicare Coverage of Compression Garments
- It's No Longer Enough for the Dx to Appear ONLY on the Rx

C If You Plan to Recommend Custom Compression Garments

- Your Plan of Care MUST Document One or More Defined Reasons
- Medicare Has Specific Language for Qualifying Conditions

A Meet or Exceed the Medicare Standard for At-Home Maintenance

- 3 Day Garments Per Affected Body Part Every 6 Months
- 2 Night Garments Per Affected Body Part Every 24 Months

B Document Your Recommendations to the Patient

- It HAS to Be the Patient's Decision to Do Anything Less
- It is No Longer SAFE to Advise the Patient Otherwise
 - Patients Need to Make Their Own Financial Decisions
 - Patients Need to Make Any Choice to Do Less
 - We Have Instituted Payment Plans and a Cost Assistance Program
- This is Now No Different than Failing to Follow an AMA Standard for Care

** It's Always Important to Consult Your Legal Counsel Regarding Compliance & Risk Management Issues.*

Talk to One of Our Experts Anytime...



Scan for Other Time-Saving Ideas

And if you've got questions about documentation, garment selection, or insurance coverage, our Case Managers are always here to help.

