

# POST-OP KNEE BRACE

## REIMBURSEMENT FACT SHEET



### Post Op Braces and Knee Immobilizers

HCPCS L1830, L1832, L1833

May be covered if patient has had recent injury to or a surgical procedure to the knee.

### Suspension Sleeve

HCPCS L2397

A suspension sleeve may be billed separately as a component of the post op brace.

### Reasonable Useful Lifetime

L1830 – has a one year Reasonable Useful Lifetime according to Medicare

L1832, 1833 – have a two year Reasonable Useful Lifetime according to Medicare

### Off the Shelf or Custom Fit Knee Brace

#### Off the Shelf Braces

HCPCS L1830, L1833

Off the Shelf (OTS) codes are used to bill the brace when there “minimal self-adjustment” at the time of fitting.

#### Custom Fit Brace

HCPCS L1832

Custom fit codes are used when there are substantial modifications made to achieve an individualized fit of the item. The substantial modifications must be documented and performed by a certified orthotist or an individual who has equivalent specialized training.

### Modifiers

All Knee Orthoses claims require the following modifiers:

- KX - Requirements specified in the medical policy have been met
- LT - Left side and/or
- RT - Right side

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