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Announcement 2013

**Attention Provider Type 33 (Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies):**

**Do Not Use NU Modifier on Prior Authorization Requests for L Codes**

Effective with dates of service on or after November 1, 2019, provider type 33 (Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies) should not include NU modifier on prior authorization (PA) requests or claims for any L codes.

If providers have an existing PA for any L codes for dates of service on or after November 1, 2019, they may submit a [Prior Authorization Data Correction Form \(FA-29\)](#) to remove the modifier from the request. Claims with the NU modifier with L codes will deny. Please remember the claim and the prior authorization must match.

The following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) L codes required the NU modifier until October 31, 2019. Effective with dates of service on or after November 1, 2019, the following codes do not require the NU modifier.

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description
L0455	Thoracic-lumbar-sacral orthotic (TLSO), flexible, provides trunk support, extends from sacrococcygeal junction to above T-9 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0457	TLSO, flexible, provides trunk support, thoracic region, rigid posterior panel and soft anterior apron, extends from the sacrococcygeal junction and terminates just inferior to the scapular spine; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0467	TLSO, sagittal control, rigid posterior frame and flexible soft anterior apron with straps, closures and padding, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0469	TLSO, sagittal-coronal control, rigid posterior frame and flexible soft anterior apron with straps, closures and padding, extends from sacrococcygeal junction over scapulae; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0641	Lumbar orthosis, sagittal control, with rigid posterior panel(s), posterior extends from L-1 to below L-5 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0642	Lumbar orthosis, sagittal control, with rigid anterior and posterior panels, posterior extends from L-1 to below L-5 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0643	Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal control, with rigid posterior panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0648	Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal control, with rigid anterior and posterior panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0649	Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal-coronal control, with rigid posterior frame/panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0650	Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal-coronal control, with rigid anterior and posterior frame/panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L0651	Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal-coronal control, with rigid shell(s)/panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L1812	Knee orthosis, elastic with joints; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L1833	Knee orthosis, adjustable knee joints (unicentric or polycentric), positional orthosis, rigid support; prefabricated, off-the-shelf

L1848	Knee orthosis, double upright with adjustable joint, with inflatable air support chamber(s); prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L1851	Knee orthosis, single upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric); prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L1852	Knee orthosis, double upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric); prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L3809	Wrist hand finger orthosis, without joint(s); prefabricated, off-the-shelf, any type
L3916	Wrist hand orthosis, includes one or more nontorsion joint(s), elastic bands, turnbuckles, may include soft interface, straps; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L3918	Hand orthosis, metacarpal fracture orthosis; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L3924	Hand finger orthosis, without joints, may include soft interface, straps; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L3930	Hand finger orthosis, includes one or more nontorsion joint(s), turnbuckles, elastic bands/springs, may include soft interface material, straps; prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L3981	Upper extremity fracture orthosis, humeral, prefabricated, includes shoulder cap design, with or without joints, forearm section, may include soft interface, straps, includes fitting and adjustments
L4361	Walking boot, pneumatic and/or vacuum, with or without joints, with or without interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L4387	Walking boot, non-pneumatic, with or without joints, with or without interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L4397	Static or dynamic ankle foot orthosis, including soft interface material, adjustable for fit, for positioning, may be used for minimal ambulation, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
L7259	Electronic wrist rotator, any type