

## Chapter 8

## Section 17.1

# Lymphedema

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### **1.0 HCPCS PROCEDURE CODES**

Level II Codes E0650 - E0673

### **2.0 DESCRIPTION**

Lymphedema refers to edema from accumulation of lymph secondary to obstruction to its flow.

### **3.0 POLICY**

**3.1** Lymphovenous anastomosis by open surgical correction is a covered benefit.

**3.2** Lymphedema pumps, both segmental and non-segmental, are authorized durable medical equipment for both institutional and home use.

### **4.0 POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

A physician's prescription is required for all claims for the segmental type pumps with or without a calibrated pressure gradient.

### **5.0 EXCEPTION**

Lymphovenous anastomosis by use of a special needle for insertion of lymphatic vessels directly into the veins is not a covered benefit.

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