



Insurance Reimbursement Recommendations

The 2007 Medical Physician Final Rule (71FR6944) details the continued use of HCPCS Q Codes to bill for casting and splint supplies. Under the Medicare RVU system, all casting supplies were from the practice expense (PE) component of the RVU for fracture care procedure codes (see list below). **Therefore, for initial and subsequent casting procedures, casting supplies are always separately billable.**

Series	Description
24500 through 24865	Humerous (Upper Arm) and Elbow
25500 through 25695	Forearm and Wrist
26600 through 26785	Hand and Finger
27500 through 27566	Femur (thigh Region) and Knee Joint
27750 through 27848	Leg (tibia and Fibia) and Ankle Joint
28400 through 28675	Foot and Toes
29000 through 29750	Applications of Casts and Strapping

The codes you select when billing for casting supplies will depend on the insurance carrier you are billing. Check your physician Fee Schedules and/or Carrier's Policies for the preferred codes.

CASTING SUPPLY CODES ACCEPTED FOR AQUACAST LINER™				
Code	Description	Notes	Accepted by Medicare/Medicaid	Accepted by Commercial Carriers
Q4050	Casts supplies for unlisted types of materials and casts	Use in addition to the appropriate Q Code for fiberglass.	*	*
A4590	Special Casting Material (e.g. fiberglass)	Use to bill for AquaCast Liner		*
99070	Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	Still used by some carriers; for example, Industrial Carriers		*

Below is a partial list of Q Codes for fiberglass. When using Q4050 to bill for AquaCast™ Liner, you will also need to use the appropriate Q Codes for fiberglass. When using Q4050 to bill for AquaCast Liner, you also need to use the appropriate Q Code for the fiberglass used in the cast application.

Code	Description
Q4006	Cast supplies, long arm cast, adult (11 years plus), fiberglass
Q4008	Cast supplies, long arm cast, pediatric (0-10 years), fiberglass
Q4010	Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years plus), fiberglass
Q4012	Cast supplies, short arm cast, pediatric (0-10 years), fiberglass
Q4030	Cast supplies, long leg cast, adult (11 years plus), fiberglass
Q4032	Cast supplies, long leg cast, pediatric (0-10 years), fiberglass
Q4038	Cast supplies, short leg cast, adult (11 years plus), fiberglass
Q4040	Cast supplies, short leg cast, pediatric (0-10 years), fiberglass

COVERAGE POLICY FOR CASTING SUPPLIES

Medicare	Local Coverage Determination (LCD)	Check local Medicare Carrier's Web Site
Medicaid	State Policies	Check State Policies
Commercial Insurance	Varies by Plan Design, Medical Policies, Patient Eligibility	Check Contract, Carrier's Web Site, and Patient's Coverage

BILLING BASICS FOR CASTING SUPPLIES

Select proper codes

* CPT Procedure Codes

* ICD-9 Diagnosis Codes

Always Bill Casting Supplies Separately

* Select the appropriate HCPCS codes or CPT code depending on the insurance carrier

INITIAL CAST

Bill service

* Select the initial global fracture treatment CPT code.

Global service includes the application of the first cast. Attending physician applies initial cast and assumes all follow-up care

Bill Casting Supplies Separately

* Select the appropriate casting supply codes.

SUBSEQUENT CAST

Bill service

* Select the appropriate CPT code.

Bill Casting Supplies Separately

* Select the appropriate casting supply codes.