

## Compression Stocking Reimbursement Guide, Jan 2009

**ANTHEM BLUE CROSS:** The following diagnoses are the ONLY diagnoses that Anthem Blue Cross will reimburse for compression stockings:

- lymphedema
- 459.81 venous stasis, chronic/peripheral venous insufficiency
- phlebitis of superficial vessels of leg
- 451.11 phlebitis of deep femoral vein/DVT
- 451.19 phlebitis of other deep vein of the leg

**HARVARD PILGRIM:** The following diagnoses are covered by Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare

- Hypotension
- Lymphedema
- Ulcers
- Post Phlebitic Syndrome

Pregnancy only;

- Deep venous thrombosis

**AETNA:** The following diagnoses are covered for Aetna:

Treatment of any of the following complications of chronic venous insufficiency:

- Varicose veins (except spider veins)
- Stasis dermatitis (venous eczema)
- Venous ulcers (stasis ulcers)
- Venous edema
- Lipodermatosclerosis

Prevention of thrombosis in immobilized persons (e.g., immobilization due to surgery, trauma, general debilitation, etc.)

- Post thrombotic syndrome (post phlebitic syndrome)
- Selected persons with chronic lymphedema
- Edema following surgery, fracture, burns, or other trauma
- Post sclerotherapy
- Postural hypotension
- Severe edema in pregnancy
- Edema accompanying paraplegia, quadriplegia, etc.

**CIGNA:** does not have specific coverage. We will check the member's benefit at time of visit.

**MEDICARE:** **does not cover compression stockings.** If the patient has both Medicare and New Hampshire Medicaid, Medicaid will normally cover Medical Grade Stockings after Medicare has denied.

**MEDICAID:** New Hampshire Medicaid reimburses all Medical Grades of compression stockings.

ALL Insurers will cover Medical Grade Stocking Compressions only. Medical Grades are:

- Class 1, moderate (20 to 30mm of compression)
- Class 2, firm (30 to 40mm of compression)
- Class 3, high (rarely specified, 40 to 50mm of compression)

Over-the-counter compression stockings (8 to 15mm, 15 to 20mm) are not covered by insurance.