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RE: Coverage for Compression Stockings

Dear Provider:

We are writing to inform you of an important correction in MVP Health Care's medical policy for gradient compression stocking coverage that will become effective on **March 1, 2011**. MVP will not approve payment of claims for gradient compression stockings for the legs on or after March 1 unless claims are submitted according to the guidelines below.

Coverage for compression stockings will be available to:

- members of MVP Commercial plans whose coverage includes a Disposable Medical Supplies rider;
- members of MVP's Medicare plans (MVP Gold HMO, GoldAnywhere PPO or GoldValue HMO) who meet coverage criteria, which will be aligned with Medicare guidelines for treatment and diagnosis of **open venous stasis ulcers** (HCPCS codes A6531, A6532 and A6545); and
- members of MVP's Medicaid plans whose claims are billed to an eligible HCPCS code:
 - A6531, A6532, A6534, A6535, A6537, A6538, A6540, A6541, A6544, A6545, A6549 and A9999 are covered for MVP Option, MVP Option Child and MVP Option Family;
 - A4500, A4510, A4490, A4495, A6530, A6533, A6536 and A6539 are reimbursed by Fee-for-Service Medicaid for MVP Option and are not covered for MVP Option Child or MVP Option Family.

Prior authorization requirements

- When prescribed for a member of an MVP Medicare or Medicaid plan, durable medical equipment (DME) providers are required to obtain prior authorization for gradient compression stockings.
- No prior authorization is required to prescribe/dispense compression stockings to members of MVP Commercial plans who have a Disposable Medical Supplies rider.

Quantity limits

- Gradient compression stockings are limited to a frequency of two pairs per year; non-elastic gradient compression wraps are limited to one per six months per leg. Additional prior authorization and medical justification are required if limits need to be exceeded.

For more information, please refer to MVP's *Compression Stockings* medical policy. For upper extremity lymphedema treatments, see the *Burn Garments and Lymphedema Sleeves* and the *Lymphedema Pumps, Compression Garments, Appliances* medical policies. Medical policies are accessible online when you log in at www.mvphealthcare.com/provider. For DME information and resources, visit www.mvphealthcare.com/provider/dme.html.

If you have questions regarding this upcoming change, please contact Provider Services. Representatives are available weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time at **1-800-999-3920**.

MVP appreciates your continuing support and efforts in assisting with the health care needs of our members promptly and with the best possible service.

Sincerely,

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