

Coding Recommendations for Transtibial CJ Sockets

The CJ ActivFIT Socket uses conventional codes to describe the majority of the socket. The exact coding depends on the socket details, but typically includes;

Base codes L5301 or L5700 Plus, the following additional codes;

(2) L5620, Test Socket L5629, Acrylic L5637, Total Contact L5645, Flexible Inner Socket L5671, Locking Mechanism

(2) L5673, Gel Insert Locking Prefab

L5783 User Adjustable, Mechanical, Residual Limb Volume Management System L5940, Endo BK Ultra-Light Material

The flexible inner socket rigid outer frame code was intended to describe socket designs that provided greater flexibility (something the CJ ActivFIT design does better than most traditional designs.) Keith Cornell, CP believed that the CJ ActivFIT design fit the intent and purpose of this code, even if it looked a little different from traditional examples.

The CJ ActivFIT Sail is the flexible part of the socket, and so there is a tendency for billers to think that they've billed for the Sail entirely through L5645. However, L5645 doesn't describe the most important function of the CJ ActivFIT design, the ability for the user to adjust their socket's volume.

Medicare updated the Lower Limb Policy Article on May 2nd, 2024, regarding L5783.

L5783 describes a complete mechanical product used as an addition to current lower extremity prosthetic base socket and socket replacement codes. This system is a kit of components (reel, cable, or similar) incorporated into a custom-fabricated socket. The beneficiary can manually adjust their socket volume throughout the day, decrease or increase. Code L5999 (LOWER EXTREMITY PROSTHESIS, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED) must not be used to bill for any features or functions included in the socket or addition codes. Use of L5999 is incorrect coding (unbundling). The predicate product is the RevoFit manufactured by Click Medical."

The CJ ActivFIT Socket is a custom fabricated socket primarily designed to allow the beneficiary to manually adjust their socket volume throughout the day to accommodate residual limb volume decreases or increases. It is comprised of 3 main components; The rigid anterior J-shaped socket, the flexible posterior Sail, and the mechanical 2:1 closure. The combination of these is a complete Mechanical system. The closure system functions by using a strap to draw the Sail towards the rigid socket to accommodate residual limb volume changes. The strap function is similar to that of a cable in that it is made of twisted fibers with sufficient tensile strength to draw two parts together. The strap is fixed to the rigid socket and draws the Sail through a loop. This loop provides a 2:1 mechanical advantage to reduce the power needed to draw the closure. The loop is connected to the sail by a vertical spring steel batten (a reinforcement to minimize deformation of the Sail). The Velcro sewn to the straps functions like a reel, to lock the strap position.

We believe the CJ ActiveFIT Socket's components and its function meets both the description and intent of L5783.