

FAQ: Adjustments to Custom Fabricated, Previously Fit, Prefabricated Orthoses

- **97760 Initial** Orthotic(s) management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported), upper extremity(s), lower extremity(s) and/or trunk, each 15 minutes. This code may be used to bill at the initial encounter for training the patient to use the orthosis. The HCPCS L code includes evaluation, fabrication and fitting. The L code does not include training that may be necessary for the orthosis to be effective. For example, training that may be necessary for a tenodesis orthosis to be effective. Documentation must support the use of both codes at the initial encounter.
- **97763 Subsequent** Orthotic(s)/prosthetic(s) management and/or training, upper extremity(ies), lower extremity(ies), and/or trunk, **subsequent** orthotic(s)/prosthetic(s) encounter, each 15 minutes. 97763 should be used to describe **any and all subsequent encounters** for orthotics and/or prosthetics management and training services.

Examples include;

- Modification time for a custom fabricated or an off-the-shelf (OTS) orthosis due to tissue changes (example: adjustments to serial static or static progressive devices)
- Edema changes that warrant remolding or interruption in skin integrity/skin irritation such as sensitive or insensitive areas.
- It may also be used for an involved remolding of the orthosis (example: to reheat and reshape the orthosis to increase the extension of the wrist and fingers when serial orthosis fabrication is used to increase passive extension after a flexor tendon repair that is 6 weeks or more post-op)

Documentation must *support* the use of the code for an adjustment:

- Reason for the adjustment
- What was adjusted
- How much time was spent performing the adjustment
- If used repeatedly, documentation must adequately support the repeated use of this code

Documentation *must include*:

- A description of the patient's condition (including applicable impairments and functional limitations) that necessitates an orthotic
- Any complicating factors
- The specific orthotic provided and the date issued
- A description of the skilled training provided
- Response of the patient to the orthotic
- The justification for a skilled qualified professional to train the patient