

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

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HIGHMARK TO STANDARDIZE ALLOWANCES FOR CUSTOM COMPRESSION STOCKINGS OR SLEEVES, EFFECTIVE NOV. 1, 2017

Highmark routinely reviews its fee schedules and reimbursement rates and makes adjustments as needed. Rate changes are made to maintain appropriate and reasonable payment to providers and to reflect current marketplace trends. Highmark considers the manufacturer, model, and other variables, including the cost of the service provided by the supplier to the member, when establishing an allowance.

As the result of a recent review, Highmark will standardize pricing for the following types of custom stockings or sleeves billed as code A6549 — gradient compression stocking/sleeve not otherwise specified — effective with dates of service on and after Nov. 1, 2017:

Custom stockings or sleeves	Allowance
Foot or toe cap	\$149.00
Full leg or chap	\$346.00
Glove or gauntlet	\$149.00
Knee high	\$181.00
Sleeve	\$109.00
Thigh high	\$238.00
Waist high	\$418.00

Since Highmark has determined reimbursement rates for each custom stocking or sleeve, we no longer require the submission of the manufacturers' invoice with claims billed for these items. However, you are still required to submit the documentation for medical necessity review. When submitting claims for custom stockings or sleeves with code A6549, please include the appropriate terminology listed in the above table.

If the member requires a custom garment that does not fall into one of the categories included in the above table, you must submit the invoice so that we can determine the appropriate reimbursement.

