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## Alpha Control® Replacement Liner Guide

Medical Necessity Criteria, Documentation, Coding, and Claims Submission



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# Alpha Control-Replacement Liner

Prosthetic Liners do not have a reasonably useful lifetime (RUL). When documentation supports a replacement liner, a new custom liner may be ordered and billed. Typically, replacement is appropriate when:

- The original liners are worn, irreparable, or no longer serving the intended need.
- A change in the patient's physiological condition, such as weight loss or weight gain.
- New medical conditions are diagnosed that require a new liner.
- Reconstructive surgery on the residual limb occurs.
- The patient requires a new socket type and a new custom liner.

## Medical Necessity Criteria

Due to the medical necessity and coding requirements, it is recommended to have the patient see a physician every year to affirm continued use and need of the Alpha Control Liner and obtain a new prescription. The documentation needs to indicate why the original liner is no longer appropriate, the fact the patient continues to use the Alpha Control system, and the overall health of the patient has not changed.

When billing the Alpha Control Replacement Liner, use the miscellaneous code L7499.

Description: Instrumented UE prosthetic liner and lock mechanism

MSRP: \$3,500

Description: UE prosthetic liner, pattern recognition tech system, replacement

# FAQs

## How often can I replace the Alpha Control Liner?

The Alpha Control Liner can be replaced when you have documented the need. This means your medical records show the original liner is no longer functioning, is worn beyond reasonable use, can no longer be repaired or there have been physical changes in the patient that require a new liner.

## How many liners can I provide at the initial fitting?

The number of liners provided is a clinical decision to be made by the CP. The original system is billed with a L7499 code. The replacement liner is also billed with an L7499 code. You may have payers asking for justification of two miscellaneous codes on the same claim. If you choose to dispense both the liner and the replacement, there should be language in your documentation indicating the control module from the original liner is used in the replacement liner.

## Do I need a new prescription for the replacement liner?

When a miscellaneous code is billed, payers may not follow the same guidelines used for established codes. Therefore, we suggest the patient visit a physician and have an evaluation documenting continued use and need for the Alpha Control liner.

## Why is L6692, upper extremity addition, silicone gel insert, or equal, each, not suitable to describe the Alpha Control Liner?

The Alpha Control Liner is part of a full system with embedded electrodes and conductive leads suspended within the gel, that work conjointly with the myoelectric prosthesis. A standard gel liner does not have embedded electrodes and will not allow all the functionality of the Alpha Control Liner.

## How do I bill the Alpha Control replacement liner?

When billing a product using a miscellaneous code, there are specific requirements for the claim form.

## ELECTRONIC CLAIMS

SV101-7 segment for HIPAA 5010A1 claims.

Loop 2400 (line note), segment NTE02 (NTE01=ADD) of the ANSI X12N, version 5010A1 professional electronic claim format:

- Enter a description of the product within 71 characters
- UE prosthetic liner, pattern recognition tech system, replacement
- Model number
- MSRP
- \$3,500

## FAQs (Continued)

What is the expected reimbursement for the Alpha Control replacement liner?

Payers have various methods for determining the payment amount when processing a miscellaneous code. Commercial payer contracts usually specify how miscellaneous codes are processed, and they typically use one of the following methods:

1. % Of Billed Charges
2. MSRP minus %
3. Invoice plus %

Check your payer contract for payment terms/fee schedules. The fee schedule amount may be referenced in an attachment and should include information about how reimbursement for miscellaneous codes is paid.

# Alpha Control Replacement Liner Coding: L7499

## *L7499*

The Alpha Control Replacement Liner is designed to incorporate the original system control module to capture the EMG signals and then transfers them to digital signals for use with Pattern Recognition Technology. This combined technology further enhances the functionality of a myoelectric-powered upper limb prosthesis.

## Suggested MSRP for the Alpha Control is \$3,500

*Short Description: UE prosthetic liner, pattern recognition tech, replacement*

For additional information or reimbursement assistance, contact [reimbursement@willowwood.com](mailto:reimbursement@willowwood.com).

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