

# GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner

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## PHYSICIAN OVERVIEW

### GORE® PROCEL® CAST LINER



GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner is a waterproof, breathable, washable cast padding that replaces the standard cotton and stockinette underneath a fiberglass cast. Conventional cast padding must be kept dry, which often produces patient discomfort and lack of cleanliness. GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner enables patients to get their casts wet, thus allowing proper maintenance of good skin hygiene while wearing a cast. Traditional cast padding absorbs and retains perspiration and moisture. Prolonged exposure to moisture often causes skin maceration and enables the proliferation of bacteria and fungus. The outcome is unpleasant odor, spreading of germs, and patient itching. With GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner, patients have the ability to rinse dead skin and bacteria out of their casts, wash their hands, and maintain their normal lifestyle activities (bathe, shower, exercise, swim, do dishes, etc.) – without wet-cast problems and worries. And, because it is waterproof and breathable, you don't have to worry about unscheduled cast changes due to the moisture-related problems that are often associated with standard cast padding.

The information provided in this brochure is based on CMS (Medicare) guidelines. Commercial insurance carriers can develop their own guidelines, however, many use Medicare's guidelines / RVU system as a basis for their guidelines.

### COVERAGE POLICY FOR CASTING SUPPLIES

Medicare	Local Coverage Decision (LCD)	Check local Medicare Carrier's Web Site
Medicaid	State Policies	Check State Policies
Commercial Insurance	Varies by Plan Design, Medical Policies, Patient Eligibility	Check Contract, Carrier's Web Site, and Patient's Coverage

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Are casting supplies reimbursable?**

Yes. Under section 1861 (s) (5) and 1861 (s) (2) (A) of the Social Security Act, casting supplies are reimbursable. Casting supplies are considered supplies that are furnished as an integral part of the physician's professional service in the course of treatment for a fracture or dislocation.

### **Can we bill separately for casting supplies?**

Yes. If you are applying cast padding and fiberglass that is purchased by your facility / office, you can bill the patient / insurance for those supplies. Casting supplies are NOT included in the practice expense component of the RVU for fracture care codes, therefore, casting supplies are separately billable. Refer to the following coding authorities for details: CMS Physician Final Rule for 2007 (71FR69644); Medicare Claims Processing Manual Pub. 100-04, Ch. 12, Section 40; Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Pub. 100-02, Ch. 15, Section 60 and 100, current edition of the CPT® Coding Book, and the Complete Global Service Data for Orthopaedic Surgeons.

### **Do we bill per roll or per cast for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner?**

Billing per roll or per cast is going to depend on the given carrier and your office's practices. Medicare has stated that the Q Codes are per cast. If you don't know what your contracted carriers prefer, a form letter is available that can help you obtain this information (available by contacting [dhpsalessupport.com](mailto:dhpsalessupport.com)).

### **How much do we charge?**

Your office will have to develop an internal policy. An Average Material Cost Chart for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner is available to help your office understand actual material cost.

### **Can we collect payment up front from the patient for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner?**

Collecting payment up front from patients can become an issue depending on the contracts that you have in place with insurance companies. If the patient's insurance is not one that your office has contracted with, then you might be able to collect money up front from the patient. If your office is contracted with the patient's insurance, you will need to find out what is stated in your contract. If you cannot locate this information, a form letter is available that can help you obtain this information from your contracted carriers (available by contacting [dhpsalessupport.com](mailto:dhpsalessupport.com)).

### **Do we need an Advance Beneficiary Notice?**

Many carriers, including Medicare, have indicated that it is a good idea to get an Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) and / or waiver signed by the patient (available by contacting [dhpsalessupport.com](mailto:dhpsalessupport.com)).

### **When billing Medicare, does the claim go to the local Carrier or to the DMERC Carrier?**

Local Carrier.

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The 2007 Medicare Physician Final Rule (71FR69644) details the continued use of HCPCS Q Codes to bill for casting and splint supplies. Under the Medicare RVU system, all casting supplies were removed from the practice expense (PE) component of the RVU for fracture care procedure codes (see list below). **Therefore, for initial and subsequent casting procedures, casting supplies are always separately billable.**

Series	Description
24500 through 24685	Humerus (Upper Arm) and Elbow
25500 through 25695	Forearm and Wrist
26600 through 26785	Hand and Finger
27500 through 27566	Femur (Thigh Region) and Knee Joint
27750 through 27848	Leg (Tibia and Fibula) and Ankle Joint
28400 through 28675	Foot and Toes
29000 through 29750	Application of Casts and Strapping

### CASTING SUPPLY CODES ACCEPTED FOR GORE® PROCEL® CAST LINER

The code(s) you select when billing for casting supplies will depend on the insurance carrier that you are billing. Check your Physician Fee Schedules and / or Carrier's Policies for the preferred code(s). If you cannot locate this information, a form letter is available to assist you in obtaining the information (available by contacting [dhpsalessupport.com](mailto:dhpsalessupport.com)).

Code	Description	Notes	Accepted By	
			Medicare / Medicaid	Commercial Carriers
Q4050	Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of cast	Use in addition to the appropriate Q Code for fiberglass (partial list below)	•	•
A4590	Special casting material (e.g., fiberglass)	Use to bill for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner plus fiberglass		•
99070	Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	Still used by some carriers; for example, Industrial Carriers		•

Below is a partial list of Q Codes for fiberglass. When using Q4050 to bill for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner, you will also need to use the appropriate Q Code for the fiberglass used in the cast application.

Code	Description
Q4006	Cast supplies, long arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4008	Cast supplies, long arm cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass
Q4010	Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4012	Cast supplies, short arm cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass
Q4030	Cast supplies, long leg cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4032	Cast supplies, long leg cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass
Q4038	Cast supplies, short leg cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass
Q4040	Cast supplies, short leg cast, pediatric (0 – 10 years), fiberglass

## BILLING BASICS FOR CASTING SUPPLIES

### Select The Proper Codes

- CPT® Procedure Code(s)
- ICD-9 Diagnosis Code(s)

### Always Bill Casting Supplies Separately

- Select the appropriate HCPCS code(s) or CPT® code depending on the insurance carrier

## INITIAL CAST

### Bill Service

- Select the initial global fracture treatment CPT® code
  - Global service includes the application of the first cast
  - Attending physician applies initial cast and assumes all follow-up care

### Bill Casting Supplies Separately

- Select the appropriate casting supply code(s)

## SUBSEQUENT CAST

### Bill Service

- Select the appropriate CPT® code

### Bill Casting Supplies Separately

- Select the appropriate casting supply code(s)

## CASTING SUPPLY CODE USE EXAMPLES

### USE OF Q CODES

Description	CPT® Code	Note
<b>Initial Cast</b>		
Closed treatment of radial shaft fracture, without manipulation	25500	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass	Q4010	Check with carriers to see if code is used per roll or per application
Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of cast	Q4050 (for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner)	Some carriers may require a description of supplies in box 19 of CMS 1500 form and / or documentation
<b>Subsequent Cast</b>		
Application cast, elbow to finger (short arm)	29075	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Cast supplies, short arm cast, adult (11 years +), fiberglass	Q4010	Check with carriers to see if code is used per roll or per application
Cast supplies, for unlisted types and materials of cast	Q4050 (for GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner)	Some carriers may require a description of supplies in box 19 of CMS 1500 form and / or an invoice / documentation

### USE OF A CODES

Description	CPT® Code	Note
<b>Initial Cast</b>		
Closed treatment of radial shaft fracture, without manipulation	25500	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Special casting material (e.g. fiberglass)	A4590 (for fiberglass plus GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items
<b>Subsequent Cast</b>		
Application cast, elbow to finger (short arm)	29075	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Special casting material (e.g. fiberglass)	A4590 (for fiberglass plus GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items

### USE OF 99070

Description	CPT® Code	Note
<b>Initial Cast</b>		
Closed treatment of radial shaft fracture, without manipulation	25500	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	99070 (for fiberglass plus GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items, some carriers may require an invoice / documentation
<b>Subsequent Cast</b>		
Application cast, elbow to finger (short arm)	29075	Use modifier(s) if applicable
Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (like drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)	99070 (for fiberglass plus GORE® PROCEL® Cast Liner)	Typically used once to bill for both supply items, some carriers may require an invoice / documentation

\*Partial case examples. Remember to bill for all services provided.

## RESOURCES

**Suggested Resources:** Coding and reimbursement is complex, specific to case documentation and variable by geographic location. Always consult current physician, hospital and ASC resources.

1. Federal Register
  - December 1, 2006 – 71(FR)69644
  - November 1, 2000 – 65(FR)65396
  - July 17, 2000 – 65(FR)44186Available at [www.gpoaccess.gov / fr / index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html) or [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)
2. CPT® Professional Edition, The American Medical Association. Current edition
3. *Complete Global Service Data For Orthopaedic Surgery*, The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
4. HCPCS Level II, Ingenix®. Current edition
5. Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Pub. 100-04, Chapter 12, Section 40
6. Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Pub. 100-02, Chapter 15, Section 60 and 100  
Available at [www.cms.hhs.gov / Manuals / IOM / list.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp)
7. GORE® PROCEL® *Cast Liner Billing Information - templates for physicians' offices*  
Available are letters that are formatted for your office to easily insert your office name and address. Specific templates include the following:
  - Background and Instructions
  - Predetermination Letter
  - Policy Clarification Letter
  - Letter of Medical Necessity
  - Product Information / Description Letter
  - Acknowledgement Letter
  - Appeal Letter
  - Medicare Appeal Form
  - Advance Beneficiary Notice
  - Product InformationThis brochure and the document templates were created with the assistance of Margie Vaught, CPC, CPC-H, CCS-P, MCS-P, ACS-EM, ACS-OR.  
If you have questions please call 800.320.2154 or email [dhpsalessupport.com](mailto:dhpsalessupport.com).

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Physicians and hospitals are responsible for selecting and reporting the code(s) that most accurately describe the procedure(s) performed, the products used and the patient's condition. The basis for accurate coding is clear and complete documentation in the medical record, precisely describing the procedures performed and products used.

Providers should follow coding guidelines from the patient's insurer, and should also review the complete coding authorities (e.g., CPT®, HCPCS, ICD-9-CM) used by the insurer.

The identification of a code in this Coding Overview should not be construed to guarantee coverage for a product or procedure, or payment in any particular amount.



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