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CHEAT SHEET CRACKING THE L-CODE

Here is your quick reference sheet that you can take to your prosthetist/physical therapy appointment. The original blog available on my <u>website</u> has more in- depth descriptions and helpful links.

CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)	 Federal agency that oversees Medicare/Medicaid benefits with state governments. In charge of HIPAA. Formerly known as HCFA (Health Care Financing Administration) Created the insurance coding system (see next chart!)
HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System)	 Created by CMS. Standardized coding system for healthcare services and products. Mandatory as of 1996 for healthcare providers for billing insurance. Organized into Levels I & II.
Level I	 Procedural code developed by AMA (American Medical Association). This code set is called CPT (Common Procedural Terminology). Describes medical, surgical, and diagnostic services given by clinicians (it's what Physical Therapists use to bill for their treatments). These codes are all numbers (ex: Gait training code is 97116) **Not to be confused with ICD 10 codes which specify actual patient diagnosis!
Level II	 These codes are for items, supplies, and non-physician services not covered in Level I. Subdivided into sections A-V. Codes are labeled with letter and number. This is where your prosthetist goes to find L codes for your prosthetic components!
L Codes	 This is where your prosthetist gets coding for your prosthetic devices! Click Medical obtained an L code for their Revofit adjustable socket system! Write this down and keep it in your pocket – L5783

To look up more information on codes, review CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

