

Dear Doctor,

CMS is implementing a new policy for ordering Pneumatic Compression Devices (PCD) for the treatment of Lymphedema and/or Venous Stasis Ulcers. CMS now requires pre-authorization to cut down on fraud.

**Lymphedema (chronic edema)** VasoCARE will need the following:

- **Copy of clinical notes including Diagnosis, Prognosis, Symptoms, Objective findings (unique characteristics), and Measurements verifying severity.**
- **Clinical notes must state “Patient underwent a 4-week conservative treatment plan involving daily elevation, exercise, and compression stockings or bandages with no improvement.”**
- **Clinical notes must state: “Ordering of PCD for reducing swelling and enhancing circulation.”**
- **Fax or email clinical notes and VasoCARE’s PCD Prescription Form to 866-455-5150 or to [orders@vasocare.com](mailto:orders@vasocare.com).**

**Note:** Once the signed prescription with clinical notes are received, VasoCARE will submit for pre-authorization approval, meet with your patient to install the basic pneumatic compression device along, with providing you with a copy of the installation of the pneumatic compression device for your files.

**Note:** Your clinical notes must specify the objective findings involved with the patient’s diagnosis of lymphedema. Listing only the words “**unique characteristics**” in the medical record will result in a denial.

### **CVI with Stasis Ulcers**

Pneumatic compression devices are covered in the home setting for the treatment of CVI with venous stasis ulcers only if the patient has one or more venous stasis ulcer(s) which have failed to heal after a 6-month trial of conservative therapy directed by the treating physician and including:

- Regular compliant use of compression bandage or stockings with adequate compression
- Regular exercise
- Regular elevation of limb
- Ulcer wound care

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VasoCARE designed the Prescription/Pre-Authorization form to assist you and your staff. Our goal is to reduce your time in ordering a PCD for your patients suffering with lymphedema or venous stasis ulcers.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Please let us know how we may better assist you. My email and cell number is listed below for your convenience.

Thank you,  
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