



## CMS Issues New Code for Partial Hand Patients

Until now, there has been no appropriate base code that can be billed in conjunction with the code relating to articulating digit technology (L6715). But CMS has issued a new code, L6026, that is specific to partial hand patients. The creation of this code increases patient access to prosthetic solutions for partial hands, including Touch Bionics' i-limb digits. In addition, at the start of 2015, the allowables for all of the appropriate i-limb digit codes also were increased.

The addition of the new base code for partial hand patients, plus the increased allowables available in 2015, create a new environment for

patients served by CMS who will now have access to partial hand prostheses.

"We are pleased that patients covered by CMS will now have access to the i-limb digits technology, to help empower them with a solution to support their return to function and independence," says Ian Stevens, chief executive officer of Touch Bionics.

Joe McTernan, AOPA's director of reimbursement services, says, "The new code will of course not only apply to the i-limb products, as there may be other products on the market that qualify for the new code." **CP**



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