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Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter (CLCF)

Scope of Practice

I. Definitions

A. Practice of Lymphedema Compression Fitting

A BOC Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter (CLCF) is an entry-level individual who has completed training and is qualified to measure, fit, dispense, and adjust compression garments and/or wraps for individuals with venous and lymphatic conditions, including lymphedema. Lymphedema compression fitting is the practice, pursuant to a physician's or clinician's order, of addressing medical conditions affecting the lymphatic and venous systems through the appropriate application of compression therapy. Drawing on foundational knowledge of lymphatic system, venous circulation, and upper and lower extremity anatomy, the CLCF may measure, fit, and adjust compression garments and related supplies appropriate to the conditions presented. Follow-up appointments are required to evaluate fit and function, make necessary adjustments, and promote patient compliance with the goal of achieving optimal therapeutic outcomes.

B. Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter

A Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter is a professional whose competence in fitting compression garments and/or wraps is evaluated and verified by the Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC), completing the appropriate BOC-approved training, and successfully completing the certification examination.

C. Compression Devices/Modalities

Compression Devices/Modalities include medical-grade compression garments, compression wraps, and related supplies designed to apply graduated or sustained pressure to specific areas of the body. These devices are intended to promote lymphatic and venous return, reduce edema, support post-surgical recovery, and assist in the management of chronic venous and lymphatic conditions.

II. General Requirements for a Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter

- A. To become credentialed as a Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter, a candidate must meet initial educational requirements and pass a comprehensive written Multiple-Choice Examination (MCE) administered by the Board of Certification/Accreditation (BOC).
- B. Once certified, a fitter must meet continuing education and annual renewal requirements to maintain BOC certification.
- C. The BOC Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter must also adhere to the BOC Code of Ethics, designed to ensure professional competence, ethical practice, and appropriate professional conduct.
- D. A Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter's activities must reflect the scope of their

certification(s) and education.

III. Roles of a Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter

A. Patient Assessment

- Ascertain the physician's or clinician's diagnosis, review relevant medical history, gather patient information, and perform a non-invasive assessment related to compression needs.
- Evaluate patient goals and realistic expectations and consult with the ordering clinician as appropriate.
- A clinician is defined as any healthcare provider who has the legal and/or licensed authority within the state to order or prescribe medical care.

B. Implementation

- Select appropriate compression device(s), based on the clinician's order and patient presentation.
- Measure, fit, and apply compression garments and/or wraps.
- Modify, adjust, and conduct trial fittings as needed.
- Educate the patient on proper use, donning and doffing, wear schedules, care, and maintenance of compression devices.
- Conduct appropriate follow-up to assess fit, comfort, and function.
- Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitters are authorized to treat primary diagnoses as provided by the physician or clinician.

C. Practice Management

- Comply with universal precautions, infection control procedures, and occupational safety and health regulations.
- Maintain accurate documentation of patient interactions, fittings, and follow-up care.
- Communicate effectively with physicians, clinicians, therapists, and other healthcare professionals involved in the patient's care.

D. Professional Development and Responsibility

- Adhere to all legal, regulatory, and ethical requirements within the defined Scope of Practice.
- Participate in continuing education to maintain and enhance professional competence.
- Fulfill professional and civic responsibilities, participate in research as appropriate, and educate patients, the public, and healthcare professionals on compression therapy products and services.
- Refer patients to allied healthcare practitioners when medical conditions or treatment needs fall outside this scope of practice.

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Geographic Scope

The geographic scope of the Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter program is within the United States.

B. Setting

Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitters may practice in durable medical equipment (DME) facilities, compression boutiques, hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, cancer centers, and other healthcare or retail environments serving patients with venous and lymphatic conditions.

C. Exam Administration Format

The Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter exam consists of 60 multiple-choice questions given as an online, computer-based assessment monitored by a live proctor and should be scheduled in advance. The exam lasts for 60 minutes.

V. Purpose and Industry Context

- A.** The Certified Lymphedema Compression Fitter credential is designed as a microcredential that validates specific, industry-relevant skills in compression therapy.
- B.** It provides a flexible and stackable pathway for staff professional development while addressing the growing industry demand for standardized training and certification.
- C.** The credential aligns with regulatory initiatives such as the Lymphedema Treatment Act and is supported through collaboration with industry partners, including manufacturers and professional organizations, to promote patient safety, evidence-based practice, and improved quality of care for individuals with venous and lymphatic conditions.

Questions?

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