1. Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for the medical necessity of prosthetic training.

2. Definitions
Prosthetic training involves direct one-on-one patient contact in the use of one or more prostheses. These procedures are timed services and should be reported for each 15 minute time period performed.

3. Statement of Policy
3.1. The determination of medical necessity for the performance of prosthetic training is always made on a case-by-case basis.

3.2. Prosthetic training may be considered medically necessary for initial and subsequent training in the use of the prosthetic device(s). The patient is expected to benefit from prosthetic training and has not yet maximized function or achieved independent use of the prosthetic device(s).

4. References
4.1. Scientific:

The following scientific references were utilized in the formulation of this medical policy. Triad Healthcare, Inc. will continue to review clinical evidence surrounding prosthetic training and may modify this policy at a later date based upon the evolution of the published clinical evidence. Should additional scientific studies become available and they are not included in the list, please forward the reference(s) to Triad Healthcare, Inc. so the information can be reviewed by the Academic Advisory Committee (AAC) and the Medical Quality Improvement Committee (MQIC) to determine if a modification of the policy is in order.


4.2. Related Triad Medical Policies:
- **TMMP 18 - Medical Necessity**
- **TMMP 26 - Durable Medical Equipment**
- **TMMP 125 - Orthotic/Prosthetic Checkout (97762)**

5. Attachments

5.1. *Provider Manual*
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