



Lymph • edema (lim - fa - DEE - ma) is a chronic disease that results in a build up of lymph fluid (swelling) that occurs when the lymphatic system is either faulty or damaged. There are many causes, but the most common is cancer treatments that remove or damage lymph nodes or lymph vessels. There is no cure for lymphedema, but it can be effectively treated.

The Lymphedema Treatment Act (LTA) is a federal bill that aims to improve insurance coverage for the doctor-prescribed, medically necessary compression supplies that are the cornerstone of lymphedema treatment. Specific goals are:

- to enable coverage for compression, an essential component of complete lymphedema treatment, including gradient compression garments, bandages and devices;
- to support patients' adherence to the maintenance phase of treatment by covering their doctor-prescribed supplies;
- to reduce the total healthcare costs associated with lymphedema by decreasing the incidence of complications, co-morbidities and disabilities resulting from this disease.

Act Now to Pass the LTA!

You can make a difference by asking your members of Congress to support this bill. Our advocacy tools make it quick and easy. Please visit our website for more information and to take action.

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