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|  | **K-Levels** |  |  |  |
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|  | K-levels are defined by Medicare based on an individual's ability or potential to ambulate and navigate their environment. Once it is determined in which K-level an individual resides, it can be determined which prosthetic components are covered by Medicare. |  |  |  |
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| **K - Level** | **Description** | **Foot/Ankle Assemblies Knee Units** | |  |  |
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| **K 0** | This patient does not have the ability or potential to ambulate or transfer safely with or without assistance and a prosthesis does not enhance their quality of life or mobility. | Not eligible for prosthesis | Not eligible for prosthesis |  |  |
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| **K 1** | This patient has the ability or potential to use a prosthesis for transfers or ambulation on level surfaces at fixed cadence - a typical limited or unlimited household ambulator. | External keel, SACH feet or single axis ankle/feet | constant friction knee |  |  |
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| **K 2** | This patient has the ability or potential for ambulation with the ability to traverse low-level environmental barriers such as curbs, stairs, or uneven surfaces - a typical community ambulator. | Flexible-keel feet and multi-axial ankle/feet | Single-axis, constant friction knee |  |  |
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| **K 3** | The patient has the ability or potential for ambulation with variable cadence - a typical community ambulator with the ability to traverse most environmental barriers and may have vocational, therapeutic, or exercise activity that demands prosthetic use beyond simple locomotion. | Flex foot and flex-walk systems, energy storing feet, multi-axial ankle/feet, or dynamic response feet | Fluid and pneumatic control knees |  |  |
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| **K 4** | The patient has the ability or potential for prosthetic ambulation that exceeds basic ambulation skills, exhibiting high impact, stress, or energy levels - typical of the prosthetic demands of the child, active adult, or athlete. | Any ankle foot system appropriate | Any ankle knee system appropriate |  |  |