

The following was shared by a hospital in Florida who has had success in coding Kangaroo Care items as medical devices:

“We use the [‘Zaky ZAK- Safety Device for Holding Infants’](#). [Nurtured by Design](#) charges \$843.60 for a case of 12 (\$70.30 each). They can be washed and reused if the facility has a Joint Commission approved vendor/way to do so. **We use HCPCS Code E0700 (Durable Medical Equipment- DME) which is listed as a ‘Safety Equipment Device or Accessory.’** The account is charged \$238.00. As you know, we may not get that entire amount as it is dependent on the payer. The Zaky ZAK is part of the [institution de-identified] NICU’s Safety and Fall Prevention Initiative and is listed as the approved and necessary device when providing Kangaroo Care in the NICU. It has become our standard of practice and really makes for consistent, best practice nursing care, and guides our safety standards with skin-to-skin in the NICU.”

Other devices to consider are:

[The Joeyband™](#)

[NUROO](#)

Kangaroo Care t-shirts (example [here](#))