



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
Part B Carrier
DME Regional Carrier

November 3, 2005

Re: Spina II Lightweight Boltaron Plastic Spinal Orthosis (Models 1200-S, 1200-M, 1200-L, 1200-XL)

Dear Mr. Velazquez:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on November 2, 2005 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the above listed product(s) meet(s) the description for a lumbar-sacral orthosis as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Spinal Orthoses. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are:

K0642 Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal-coronal control, with rigid posterior frame/panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra, lateral strength provided by rigid lateral frame/panels, produces intracavitary pressure to reduce load on intervertebral discs, includes straps, closures, may include padding, stays, shoulder straps, pendulous abdomen design, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and four DMERCs. Any modifications to this product could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to this product should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of this product by SADMERC or Medicare, nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. For questions regarding claim coverage or reimbursement please contact your regional DMERC.

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