

November 10, 1999

Connie Wassermann
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Re: Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (22TLS)
Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (46TLS)
Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (45LSO)
Ankle Foot Orthosis (40AFO)
Flex Cuff Elbow Orthosis (18EO)
CORRXIT Ankle Foot Orthosis (13CX)

Dear Ms. Wassermann:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review for the above products manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (22TLS) does not meet the description of specific HCPCS codes for a spinal orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L1499 Spinal orthosis, not otherwise specified.

It is our determination that the Thoracic Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (46TLS) meets the characteristics and description of a specific HCPCS code for a thoracic-lumbar-sacral orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L0330 TLSO, anterior-posterior-lateral control (Knight-Taylor type), with apron front.

It is our determination that the Lumbar Sacral Orthosis (45LSO) meets the characteristics and description of a specific HCPCS code for a lumbar-sacral orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L0520 LSO, anterior-posterior-lateral control (Knight, Wilcox types), with apron front.

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It is our determination that the Ankle Foot Orthosis (40AFO) meets the characteristics and description of a specific HCPCS code for an ankle-foot orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L1930 AFO, custom fitted, plastic.

It is our determination that the Flex Cuff Elbow Orthosis (18EO) does not meet the description of a specific HCPCS code for an upper limb orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L3999 Upper limb orthosis, not otherwise specified.

It is our determination that the CORRXIT Ankle Foot Orthosis (13CX) meets the characteristics and description of a specific HCPCS code for an ankle contracture splint. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L4396 Ankle contracture splint.

HCPCS codes L1499 and L3999 are miscellaneous codes and require a complete description of the product when billing to Medicare. The description should include the manufacturer name, product name, types of materials used and the reason this item was prescribed for the patient.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your products as they were presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC. Any modifications to these products could change the HCPCS code and need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to these products should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of these products by SADMERC or Medicare.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact Teresa Kinney, HCPCS Analyst at the address below or by telephone at (803) 788-0222, extension 38110.

Sincerely,

Shana M. Sanders
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SADMERC

cc: DMERCs