

July 23, 2001

FLA Orthopedics, Inc.
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Re: Spector Short ROM (Model #37-0176)

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

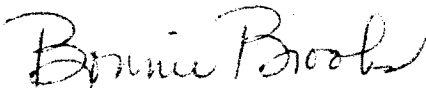
It is our determination that the Spector Short ROM (Model #37-0176) meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing HCPCS code is

L1832 Knee Orthosis, adjustable knee joints, positional orthosis, rigid support.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product as it was presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC. 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 reimbursement or coverage. For questions regarding coverage or reimbursement please contact your regional DMERC.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8111.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Brooks, RN
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cc: DMERCs

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) was renamed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We are exercising fiscal restraint by exhausting our stock of stationary.

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