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September 24, 2003

FLA Orthopedics Inc.
2881 Corporate Way
Miramar, FL 33025

Re: Safe-T-Sport Neoprene Hinged Knee Stabilizing Brace (Model 37-104)

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on September 24, 2003 for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Safe-T-Sport Neoprene Hinged Knee Stabilizing Brace (Model 37-104) meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for a knee orthosis as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L1810 Knee orthosis, elastic with joints, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product as it was 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.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803).763-8215.

Sincerely,

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