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November 25, 2002

FLA Orthopedics, Inc.
2881 Corporate Way
Miramar, FL 33025

Re: PowerCentric Composite, Polycentric Hinged Knee Brace (Model 37-109)

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on November 20, 2002 for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the PowerCentric Composite, Polycentric Hinged Knee Brace (Model 37-109) meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS codes as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

L1820 KO, elastic with condylar pads and 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 the 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) 763-8111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Brooks".

Bonnie Brooks, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
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cc: DMERCs

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