



## MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary  
Part B Carrier  
DME Regional Carrier

August 3, 2006

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

Re: Soft Form Maternity Support Belt (Model 31-570)

Based on a re-review of the documentation submitted for this product, it was determined by the SADMERC that the Soft Form Maternity Support Belt (Model 31-570) meet(s) the criteria for the code(s) as assigned.

The Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC) has re-reviewed the documentation and information submitted for HCPCS Coding. The SADMERC conducts reviews of products to determine the correct HCPCS code(s) of DMEPOS product(s) for Medicare billing.

Please refer to the Coding Bulletin Article titled Maternity Support Garments on the Palmetto GBA Website, [www.palmettogba.com/OtherPartners/SADMERC](http://www.palmettogba.com/OtherPartners/SADMERC).

It is our determination that the Medicare HCPCS code(s) to bill the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) is/are:

### **A9270 Non-covered item or service.**

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC. Any modifications to the product(s) could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to the product(s) should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of the product(s) 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.

Should you disagree with this coding decision, a re-review of the product(s) can be initiated. The SADMERC will provide a re-review if the request is made within 45 days of the date of this letter and additional documentation is provided supporting the request. If a request for a re-review is made after 45 days, the request is treated as a new Coding Verification Review and a complete application must be submitted along with the additional documentation supporting the request.

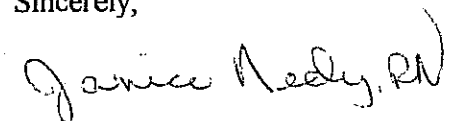
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Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-7373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Neely, RN". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Janice Neely, RN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC