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Re: Pro-Fitt T.L.S.O.

In response to changes in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), we are providing the following Coding Verification information to use for your product(s) when billing Medicare. The SADMERC recognizes and acknowledges the National Panel decisions as changes are made each year to the HCPCS coding system.

In order to ensure appropriate billing to Medicare, these HCPCS coding decisions for your product(s) were reviewed by the SADMERC for correct coding category placement. It is our determination that the above listed product(s) meet(s) the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a Lumbar-sacral orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for the product(s) is/are

K0648 Lumbar-sacral orthosis, sagittal-coronal control, rigid shell(s)/panel(s), posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction to T-9 vertebra, anterior extends from symphysis pubis to xiphoid, produces intracavitary pressure to reduce load on the intervertebral discs, overall strength is provided by overlapping rigid plastic and stabilizing closures, includes straps, closures, may include soft interface, pendulous abdomen design, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment,

The above listed product(s) and HCPCS code(s) will be effective April 1, 2004. The product(s) will be added to the Product Classification List. Classification lists are located on our website at www.palmettogba.com. Our HCPCS Coding Helpline is available toll free at 1-877-735-1326.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product(s) as reviewed by the SADMERC in response to the HCPCS National Panel decision(s). Any modification to the product(s) could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. 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.

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