



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
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DME Regional Carrier

December 8, 2006

Dan Berlin
Vice President, Business Development
VitalWear, Inc.
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South San Francisco, CA 94080

Re: Medium Knee VitalWrap (Model VIT-00397)
Ankle VitalWrap (Model VIT-00398)
Medium VitalWrap (Model VIT-00255)
Large Shoulder VitalWrap (Model VIT-00395)

Dear Mr. Berlin:

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry for coding verification of the above listed product(s) manufactured and/or distributed by your company. The Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC) has 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.

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

E0249 Pad for water circulating heat unit, when provided as a replacement.

A9900 Miscellaneous DME supply, accessory, and or service component of another HCPCS code, when provided on initial issue.

A9270 Non-covered item or service, when provided for use with cold therapy.

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.

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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.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8707.

Sincerely,


Bobbie Taylor, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC