

June 15, 2011

ASPEN MEDICAL PRODUCTS
ATTN JARED MILEWSKI
6481 OAK CANYON
IRVINE CA 92618

Re: Reconsideration of Coding Verification Decision

Xref #: 14454041

Product: SUMMIT 631

Model number: 992510, 992520, 992530, 992540, 992550, 992560

Dear Mr. Milewski:

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor provides HCPCS assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC has reviewed the above listed product. It is our determination that the Medicare Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) code to use to bill the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) remains:

L0631 - LUMBAR-SACRAL ORTHOSIS, SAGITTAL CONTROL, WITH RIGID ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR PANELS, POSTERIOR EXTENDS FROM SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION TO T-9 VERTEBRA, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS, INCLUDES STRAPS, CLOSURES, MAY INCLUDE PADDING, SHOULDER STRAPS, PENDULOUS ABDOMEN DESIGN, PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT

This product, as marketed to the female population, meets the height standards published in the Advisory Article "HEIGHT STANDARDS FOR CODING LSO AND TLSO - REVISED."

The PDAC provides coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and associated policy article(s) developed by the DME MACs. All products submitted to PDAC for a coding verification review are carefully examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

From time to time questions come up internally with the DME MACs and PDAC as to whether a proper coding decision on a product has been made. When such a question arises, the PDAC will re-review the product and render a decision. If the decision is to change the code assigned, the manufacturer of the product is notified by mail. The manufacturer then has the option to ask for a reconsideration, as outlined on our web site.

The assignment of a HCPCS code to this product is not an approval or endorsement of the product by Medicare or Noridian Administrative Services, LLC; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage.

If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction. For other questions, contact the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contact Center at the address listed above or by telephone at (877) 735-1326. The Contact Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT.

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