



**Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC)**

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ASPEN MEDICAL PRODUCTS  
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**Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing**

**Xref #:** 16793967

**Product:** VISTA COLLAR

**Model number:** 984000 and 984002

Dear Mr. Milewski:

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor provides Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (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 HCPCS code to use when billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) is:

L0172 CERVICAL, COLLAR, SEMI-RIGID THERMOPLASTIC FOAM, TWO PIECE

The code requested was L0174 which in the descriptor states "with thoracic extension". The product submitted does not have a thoracic extension therefore does not meet the description.

As discussed per our telephone conversation January 16, 2012, the entry displayed below will be end dated one day prior to the date of this letter. This product does not have a model number and for consistency the model numbers noted above will be added as a new entry.

Product Name	Manufacturer/Distributor	Model Number	HCPCS Code	Effective Begin Date	Effective End Date	Comments
VISTA CERVICAL COLLAR	ASPEN MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC.		L0172	06/20/2007		

The PDAC provides coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and associated policy article 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.

This decision applies to the application that we received on November 9, 2012. If information submitted in that application has changed or were to change, it could impact our decision. Therefore, a new application would need to be submitted for HCPCS coding verification review. This coding decision will be available within ten (10) working days on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS), which is located on the PDAC web site, [www.dmepdac.com](http://www.dmepdac.com). Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, related to their current listing on the Product Classification List (PCL) on DMECS. Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/notifying.html>.

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.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the date of this letter. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form located on the PDAC web site at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/requesting.html>. If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, we will treat it as a coding verification review request and require a new application and documentation to support the request.

If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction. For other questions, contact the 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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