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June 8, 2006

Thomas P. Rock, President, COO
Freeman Manufacturing Company
P.O. Box J
Sturgis, MI 49091

Re: Elastic Lumbosacral Wraparound with Steel Stays (Model 3556,23556)
Elastic Lumbosacral Wraparound with Steel Stays (Model 980)
Elastic Lumbosacral Wraparound with Steel Stays (Model 968)
Elastic Lumbosacral Wraparound with Steel Stays (Model 976)
Elastic Lumbosacral Wraparound (Model E1101)
Elastic Lumbosacral Wraparound with Back Pad (Model 979)
Lumbosacral Support with Back Pad (Model 347)

Dear Mr. Rock:

Per your written request, this letter indicates the changes in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for the above listed product(s) manufactured 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:

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006 use HCPCS code

L0625 Lumbar orthosis, flexible, provides lumbar support, posterior extends from L-1 to below L-5 vertebra, produces intracavitary pressure to reduce load on the intervertebral discs, includes straps, closures, may include pendulous abdomen design, shoulder straps, stays, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

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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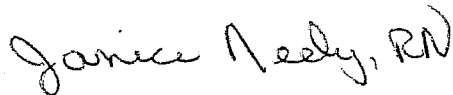
Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
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Should you disagree with this coding decision, a re-review of the product(s) can be initiated. The SADMERC will provide a re-review if the request is made within 45 days of the date of 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) 763-7373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Neely, RN".

Janice Neely, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC