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August 25, 2004

Jennifer Hutter
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Re: AFG Stabilizer
Manufactured by Swede-O, Inc.

Dear Ms. Hutter:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on August 23, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by Swede-O, Inc. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the AFG Stabilizer meets the description of the HCPCS code as assigned as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Ankle-Foot/Knee-Ankle-Foot Orthotics. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are

L1902 AFO, ankle gauntlet, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and four DMERCs. Any modifications to this product could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to this product should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of this product 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.

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.

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