



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
Part B Carrier
DME Regional Carrier

August 14, 2006

Michael Frazer, Operations Manager
Bird & Cronin, Inc.
1200 Trapp Road
Eagan, MN 55121

Re: Physician's Choice Maternity-Mate Support (Models 50002572, 50002573, 50002574, 50002575)

Dear Mr. Frazer:

Based on a re-review of the documentation submitted for these product(s), it was determined by the SADMERC that the Physician's Choice Maternity-Mate Support (Models 50002572, 50002573, 50002574, 50002575) meet(s) the criteria for the code(s) as assigned.

The Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC) has re-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.

Please refer to the Coding Bulletin Article titled Maternity Support Garments on the Palmetto GBA Website, www.palmettogba.com/OtherPartners/SADMERC.

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

A9270 Non-covered item or service.

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.

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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Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine E. Anthos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Catherine E. Anthos, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC