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Re: Assigned Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Codes

Xref #: 12001043

Product: VERTALUX

Model number: VERTALUX TLSO WITH MICKEY

Dear Mr. Hazledine:

It is our determination that the Medicare HCPCS code to use to bill the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for the product listed above is:

L0456 - TLSO, FLEXIBLE, PROVIDES TRUNK SUPPORT, THORACIC REGION, RIGID POSTERIOR PANEL AND SOFT ANTERIOR APRON, EXTENDS FROM THE SACROCOCCYGEAL JUNCTION AND TERMINATES JUST INFERIOR TO THE SCAPULAR SPINE, RESTRICTS GROSS TRUNK MOTION IN THE SAGITTAL PLANE, PRODUCES INTRACAVITARY PRESSURE TO REDUCE LOAD ON THE INTERVERTEBRAL DISKS, INCLUDES STRAPS AND CLOSURES, PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT

Per the code description of the requested code L0458, the anterior panel must extend from the symphysis pubis to the xiphoid. The product submitted for review does not meet this description, as the anterior panel falls below the xiphoid. The most appropriate code for this product is L0456.

This decision applies to the application that we received on June 24, 2010. 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. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

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, which can be found on our PDAC web site at www.dmepdac.com under the HCPCS Review tab. 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 any questions, please 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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