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February 7, 2003

Andrew Purner, Marketing Manager
Aspen Medical Products, Inc.
1901 Obispo Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90804

Re: TLSO (Model 991031, 991031, 991070, 991071)

Dear Mr. Purner:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision on January 22, 2003.

It is our determination that the above listed product meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for a thoracic lumbar sacral orthoses as defined by the DMERC Medical Policy for Spinal Orthosis, TLSO. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing codes for this product are

L0464 TLSO, triplanar control, modular segmented spinal system, four rigid plastic shells, posterior extends from sacrococcygeal junction and terminates just inferior to scapular spine, anterior extends from symphysis pubis to the sternal notch, soft liner, restricts gross trunk motion in sagittal, coronal, and transverse planes, lateral strength is provided by overlapping plastic and stabilizing closures, includes straps and closures prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment (For TLSO when T-Bar is included)

L1499 Spinal orthosis, not otherwise specified (For TLSO Bi-Valve-Male and Female when T-Bar is not included.)

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product as it was 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.

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If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Brooks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bonnie Brooks, RN
Manager, SADMERC HCPCS

cc: DMERCs