



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
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DME Regional Carrier

February 5, 2003

Brian Goldstein
Mason Medical
85 Denton Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Re: Masonair AS5000 Alternating Pressure Mattress System (Model AS5000)

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on February 3, 2003 for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Masonair AS5000 Alternating Pressure Mattress System (Model AS5000) meets the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a powered pressure-reducing air mattress as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces- Group 2. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

E0277 Powered pressure-reducing air mattress.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this coding 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", is written over a horizontal line.

Catherine E. Anthos, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
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cc: DMERCs

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