



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
Part B Carrier
DME Regional Carrier

June 23, 2004

Brian Goldstein
V.P. Sales & Marketing
Mason Medical Products
85 Denton Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Re: ShearCare 700 (Models SC700-1, SC700-2, SC700-3)

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on June 21, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the ShearCare 700 (Models SC700-1, SC700-2, SC700-3) meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for a dry pressure mattress as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces - Group I. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are

E0184 Dry pressure mattress

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product 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.

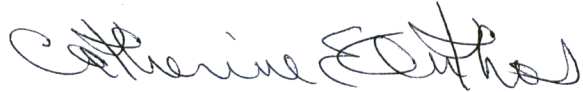
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If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine E. Anthos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Catherine E. Anthos, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs