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July 2, 2003

FLA Orthopedics, Inc
2881 Corporate Way
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Re: Soft Form Hernia Belt (Product Series 67-350)

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on July 2, 2003 for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

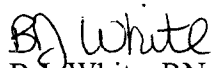
It is our determination that the Soft Form Hernia Belt (Product Series 67-350) meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS codes as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing codes for this product is:

L8300 Truss, single with standard pad (use if belt is supplied with one pad)
L8310 Truss, double with standard pads (use if belt is supplied with two pads)

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) 763-8225.

Sincerely,


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