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May 5, 2009

MEDSEARCH LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANTS
ATTN: JIM WEBER
114 RIDGE SPRING DRIVE
COLUMBIA SC 29229

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

Product: Shields Hinged Stabilizer
Xref #: 8011592

Model number: 5675

Dear Mr. Weber:

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:

L1820 KNEE ORTHOSIS, ELASTIC WITH CONDYLAR PADS AND JOINTS,
WITH OR WITHOUT PATELLAR CONTROL, PREFABRICATED, INCLUDES
FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT

This decision applies to the application that you submitted to us on March 23, 2009. 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.

The assignment of the 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 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT.

Sincerely,



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