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October 6, 2003

Larry Schwartz
Apex Foot Health Industries, Inc.
414 Alfred Avenue
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Re: Ambulator Conform Shoes (Models 1260, 1264, 1270, 1271, 1274)

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

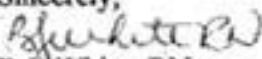
The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on October 6, 2003 for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Ambulator Conform Shoes (Models 1260, 1264, 1270, 1271, 1274) meet the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for diabetic shoes as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

A5500 For diabetics only, fitting (including follow-up) custom preparation and supply of off-the-shelf depth-inlay shoe manufactured to accommodate multi-density insert(s), per shoe

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,

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