



## MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary  
Part B Carrier  
DME Regional Carrier

June 11, 2004

David Bohan  
Brooks Sports, Inc.  
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Re: **Synergy 2 Men's** (Models 11026111, 11029111, 11030111, 11026001, 11029001, 11030001, 11026221, 11029221, 11030221)  
**Addiction 6 Men's** (Models 41138141, 41139141, 41140141, 41141141)  
**Addiction Walker Men's** (Models 11031001, 11032001, 11033001, 11034001, 11031111, 11033111, 11032111, 11034111, 11031221, 11032221, 11033221, 11034221)  
**Addiction Velcro Men's** (Models 11035001, 11037001, 11038001, 11035111, 11037111, 11038111)  
**Beast Men's** (Models 41100191, 41101191, 41103191, 41100001, 41101001)  
**Turin Men** (Models 11023001, 11024001, 11025001, 11023221, 11024221, 11025221)  
**Synergy 2 Women's** (Models 12026111, 12027111, 12028111, 12029111, 12026001, 12027001, 12028001, 12029001, 11026221, 11027221, 12028221, 12029221)  
**Addiction Velcro Women's** (Models 12035001, 12037001, 12038001, 12035111, 12037111, 12038111)  
**Addiction Walker Women's** (Models 12031001, 12032001, 12033001, 12034001, 12031111, 12032111, 12033111, 12034111)  
**Addiction 6 Women's** (Models 42138141, 42139141, 42140141, 42141141)  
**Turin Women's** (Models 12022001, 12023001, 12024001, 12022221, 12023221, 12024221)  
**Ariel Women's** (Models 42100192, 42101192, 42103192)

Dear Mr. Bohan:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on June 7, 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 Products listed above meet the description for therapeutic shoes As defined in the DMEPOS Supplier Manual, Therapeutic Shoes for Diabetics Medical Policy. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are

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

### Palmetto GBA

Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier  
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This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) 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.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-7373.

Sincerely,

*Janice Neely, RN*

Janice Neely, RN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs