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January 18, 2006

Ann Marie Hilchey, Sales Manager
Corflex, Inc.
669 East Industrial Park Drive
Manchester, NH 03109

Re: Disc Unloader Orthosis (Models 35-4000, 35-4001, 35-4002, 35-4003, 35-4004)

Dear Ms. Hilchey:

In response to changes in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), we are providing the following Coding Verification information to use for the above listed product(s) when billing Medicare. The SADMERC recognizes and acknowledges the CMS HCPCS Workgroup decisions as changes are made each year to the HCPCS coding system.

In order to ensure appropriate billing to Medicare, these HCPCS coding decisions for your product(s) were reviewed by the SADMERC for correct coding category placement. It is our determination that the above listed product(s) meet(s) the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a lumbar orthosis. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for the product(s) is/are:

L0627 Lumbar orthosis, sagittal control, with rigid anterior and posterior panels, posterior extends from L-1 to below L-5 vertebra, produces intracavitary pressure to reduce load on the intervertebral discs, includes straps, closures, may include padding, shoulder straps, pendulous abdomen design, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.

The above listed product(s) and HCPCS code(s) will be effective January 1, 2006. The product(s) will be added to the Product Classification List. Classification lists are located on our website at www.palmettogba.com. Our HCPCS Coding Helpline is available toll free at 1-877-735-1326.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product(s) as reviewed by the SADMERC in response to the CMS HCPCS Workgroup decision(s). Any modification to the product(s) could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. Assignment of a HCPCS code to the product(s) should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of the product(s) 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,

Catherine E. Anthos, RN
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SADMERC