



## MEDICARE

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November 2, 2004

Linda Lavi, VP Marketing  
Alex Orthopedic  
1174 N. Great Southwest, Suite 10  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Re: Feather Weight Lumbar Belt (Model 2035)

Dear Ms. Lavi:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on November 1, 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 Feather Weight Lumbar Belt (Model 2035) meets the description for the HCPCS code(s) as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are:

**K0634 Lumbar orthosis, flexible, provides lumbar support, 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 pendulous abdomen design, shoulder straps, stays, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment.**

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.


### Palmetto GBA

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If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8707.

Sincerely,

  
Judy McCamy, RN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs