

September 4, 2009

UNITED SURGICAL
ATTN: ANDREW OPLIGER
2235 PENNSYLVANIA STREET
FORT WAYNE IN 46803

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

Product: Strap Arm Sling

Xref #: 9004661

Model number: 1051-05, 1051-01, 1051-02, 1051-03 and 1051-04

Dear Mr. Opliger:

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 products listed above is:

A4565 - SLINGS

This decision applies to the application that we received on July 20, 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.

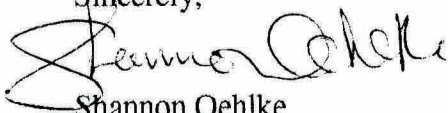
The assignment of a HCPCS code to these products is not an approval or endorsement of the products by Medicare or Noridian Administrative Services, LLC; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT.

Sincerely,



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