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February 9, 2004

Donna Pannone
Gerber Chair Mates, Inc.
1171 Ringling Avenue
Johnstown, PA 15902

Re: Gerber Chair Mates Swing Away Stump Support

Dear Ms. Pannone:

In response to your request for verification of the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code to use for your product when billing Medicare, we provide the following Coding Verification information. The SADMERC recognizes and acknowledges the National Panel decisions.

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 wheelchair stump support. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for the product(s) is/are

E1020 Residual limb support system for wheelchair.

The above listed product(s) and HCPCS code(s) became effective January 1, 2003. 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 HCPCS National Panel 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.

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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) 763-8215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine E. Anthos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Catherine E. Anthos, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs