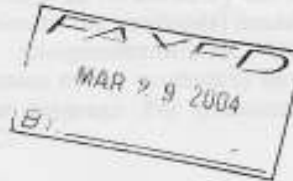


SADMERC Verification Letter for LEEDer Group: VCO / LSO

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March 22, 2004

Philip S. Webster, President
LEEDer Group, Inc.
8508 NW 66th Street
Miami, FL 33166

Re: LSO-CF 16-9 Padded Large
LSO-CF 11-9 Thin, Medium
LSO-CF 11-6 Thin, Extra Small

Dear Mr. Webster:

In response to changes in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), we are providing the following Coding Verification information to use for your product(s) when billing Medicare. The SADMERC recognizes and acknowledges the National Panel 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

K0636 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 April 1, 2004. 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.

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