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February 17, 2005

Robin Saunders Ryan
The Saunders Group, Inc.
4250 Norex Drive
Chaska, MN 55318

Re: Saunders Cervical HomeTrac Deluxe (Model 100399)

Dear Ms. Ryan:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on February 16, 2005 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the above listed product meets the description as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Cervical Traction Devices. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are:

For dates of service through December 31, 2004 use HCPCS code

K0627 Traction equipment, cervical, free standing, pneumatic, applying traction force to other than mandible.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2005 use HCPCS code

E0849 Traction equipment, cervical, free-standing stand/frame, pneumatic, applying traction force to other than mandible.

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.

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