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Debra M. Harrington
Harrington Consulting Group
3144 Emanuel Church Road
Lexington, SC 29073

Re: AiroDyne Mattress Replacement
AiroDyne Select Mattress Replacement

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review for the above listed products distributed by PrimaTech Medical Systems, Inc. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the AiroDyne Mattress Replacement and the AiroDyne select Mattress Replacement meet the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a powered pressure-reducing air mattress as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces-Group 2. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for these products is

E0277 Powered pressure-reducing air mattress.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your products as they were presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and four DMERCs. Any modifications to these products could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to these products should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of these products 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.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8215.

Sincerely,

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cc: DMERCs

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