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Catherine Wurts
Executive Assistant
Acor Orthopaedic, Inc.
18530 S. Miles Parkway
Cleveland, OH 44128

Re: Active Walkers Comfort Street

Dear Ms. Wurts:

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

It is our determination that the Active Walkers Comfort Street meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for a therapeutic shoe for diabetics as defined by the DMERC Medical Policy for Therapeutic Shoes For Diabetics. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this products is

A5500 For diabetics only, fitting (including follow-up), custom preparation and supply of off-the-shelf depth-inlay shoe manufactured to accommodate multi-density insert(s), per shoe.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product as it was 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.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8111.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Brooks, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs

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