



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
Part B Carrier
DME Regional Carrier

January 15, 2004

Lawrence Weinstein
PARI Respiratory Equipment
2943 Oak Lake Blvd.
Midlothian, VA 23112

Re: Bubbles the Fish (Model 44F7240)

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on January 14, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Bubbles the Fish (Model 44F7240) meets the description for an aerosol mask as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Nebulizer Policy. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are

A7015 Aerosol mask, used with DME nebulizer

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.

Should you disagree with this coding decision, a re-review of the product(s) can be initiated. The SADMERC will provide a re-review if the request is made within 45 days of the date of this letter and additional documentation is provided supporting the request. If a request for a re-review is made after 45 days, the request is treated as a new Coding Verification Review and a complete application must be submitted along with the additional documentation supporting the request.

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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) 763-8225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bjwhite RN". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

B.J. White, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs