

**MEDICARE**

Part A Intermediary
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DME Regional Carrier

December 21, 2006

Beth Guevara
Manager Reimbursement Planning
Respironics, Inc.
Sleep and Home Respiratory Group
1740 Golden Mile Highway
Monroeville, PA 15146

Re: BiPAP Plus M Series with Bi-Flex (Model DS600)
BiPAP Plus M Series with Bi-Flex and Humidifier (Model DS600H)

Dear Ms Guevara:

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry for coding verification of the above listed product(s) manufactured and/or distributed by your company. The Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (SADMERC) has reviewed the documentation and information submitted for HCPCS Coding. The SADMERC conducts reviews of products to determine the correct HCPCS code(s) of DMEPOS product(s) for Medicare billing.

It is our determination that the Medicare HCPCS code(s) to bill the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) is/are:

E0470 Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, without backup rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device), for BiPAP Plus M Series (Model DS600) and BiPAP Plus M Series (Model DS600H)

E0562 Humidifier, heated, used with positive airway pressure device, for Model DS600H.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as presented to and reviewed by The SADMERC. Any modifications to the product(s) could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to the product(s) should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of the product(s) 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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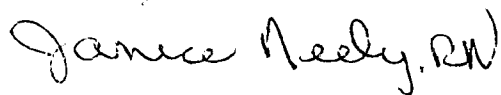
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Should you disagree with this coding decision, a re-review of the product(s) can be initiated. The SADMERC will provide a re-review if the request is made within 45 days of the date of this letter and additional documentation is provided supporting 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.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-7373.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Neely, RN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice Neely, RN
HCPCS Medical Analyst
SADMERC