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Jacquelyn McClure
Respironics, Inc.
1501 Ardmore Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4401

Re: Ventstream Reusable High Efficiency Nebulizer

Dear Ms. McClure:

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

It is our determination that the Ventstream Reusable High Efficiency Nebulizer meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for an administration set with small volume, non-disposable, pneumatic nebulizer as defined by the DMERC Medical Policy for Nebulizers. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

A7005 Administration set, with small volume nonfiltered pneumatic nebulizer, non-disposable.

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) 763-8215.

Sincerely,

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cc: DMERCs

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