



Health Care Financing Administration

Now the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
Part B Carrier
DME Regional Carrier

November 6, 2001

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

Re: Tranquility Bilevel (Model 1700)

Dear Ms. McClure:

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 Tranquility Bilevel (Model 1700) meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS codes for a respiratory assist device in accordance with coding guidelines as defined by the DMERC Medical Policy for Respiratory Assist Devices. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing HCPCS codes for this product is

K0532 Respiratory assist device, bi-level pressure capability, without back-up rate feature, used with noninvasive interface, e.g., nasal or facial mask (intermittent assist device with continuous positive airway pressure device).

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

Palmetto GBA

Statistical Analysis Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier
Post Office Box 100143 • Columbia, South Carolina • 29202-3143

A HCFA Contracted Intermediary and Carrier