

July 7, 2000

Gregg Torrance, Product Manager
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Re: Excel (MDS806100, MDS806150, MDS806200, MDS806250, MDS806300)
Excel Lightweight (MDS806600, MDS806650)
Excel Narrow (MDS806150N, MDS806200N, MDS806250N, MDS806300N)
Excel Extra Wide (MDS806700, MDS806750, MDS806800, MDS806850)
Excel 2000 (MDS806100D, MDS806150D, MDS806200D, MDS806250D, MDS806300D)
Excel K4 (MDS806500, MDS806550)
Shuttle (MDS809500, MDS809525, MDS809550, MDS809575)

Dear Mr. Torrance:

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

It is our determination that the Excel (MDS806100, MDS806150, MDS806200, MDS806250, MDS806300), Excel Narrow (MDS806150N, MDS806200N, MDS806250N, MDS806300N), and Excel 2000 (MDS806100D, MDS806150D, MDS806200D, MDS806250D, MDS806300D) meet the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a standard wheelchair as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Manual Wheelchair Bases. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for these products is

K0001 Standard wheelchair.

It is our determination that the Excel Lightweight (MDS806600, MDS806650) meets the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a lightweight wheelchair as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Manual Wheelchair Bases. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

K0003 Lightweight wheelchair.

It is our determination that the Excel K4 (MDS806500, MDS806550) meets the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for a high strength, lightweight wheelchair as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Manual Wheelchair Bases. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

K0004 High strength, lightweight wheelchair.

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It is our determination that the Excel Extra Wide (MDS806700, MDS806750, MDS806800, MDS806850) and Shuttle (MDS809500, MDS809525, MDS809550, MDS809575) meet the description and characteristics of the HCPCS code for an extra heavy duty wheelchair as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Manual Wheelchair Bases. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for these products is

K0007 Extra heavy duty wheelchair.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your products as they were presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC. Any modifications to these products could change the HCPCS code and need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to these products should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of these products by SADMERC or Medicare.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact Mary Pinkston, HCPCS Analyst at the address below or by telephone at (803) 788-0222, extension 38215.

Sincerely,

Shana M. Sanders
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HCPCS Coordinator
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs