



**MEDICARE**

Part A Intermediary  
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DME Regional Carrier

July 25, 2006

Jack A. Bowser, President  
Medline Industries, Inc.  
1 Medline Place  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Re: Co-Flex-NL Self-Adherent Bandages (Models DYNJ05123, DYNJ05123H, DYNJ05124, DYNJ05124H, DYNJ05129, DYNJ05129H, DYNJ05130, DYNJ05130H) *1 sig.*  
Co-Flex Med Elastic Bandage (Models DYNJ086002, DYNJ086003, DYNJ086004, DYNJ086006)

Dear Mr. Bowser:

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry for coding verification of the above listed product(s) 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:

**A6453 Self-adherent bandage, elastic, non-knitted/non-woven, width less than three inches, per yard,** for the Co-Flex-NL Self-Adherent Bandages (Models DYNJ05123, DYNJ05123H) and the Co-Flex Med Elastic Bandage (Model DYNJ086002).

**A6454 Self-adherent bandage, elastic, non-knitted/non-woven, width greater than or equal to three inches and less than five inches, per yard,** for the Co-Flex-NL Self-Adherent Bandages (Models DYNJ05124, DYNJ05124H, DYNJ05129, DYNJ05129H) and the Co-Flex Med Elastic Bandage (Models DYNJ086003, DYNJ086004).

**A6455 Self-adherent bandage, elastic, non-knitted/non-woven, width greater than or equal to 5 inches, per yard,** for the Co-Flex-NL Self-Adherent Bandages (Models DYNJ05130, DYNJ05130H) and the Co-Flex Med Elastic Bandage (Model DYNJ086006).

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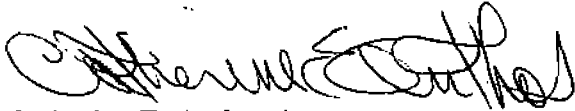
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This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC. Any modifications to the product(s) could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS 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.

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) 763-8215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine E. Anthos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "A".

Catherine E. Anthos, RN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC