

August 27, 1999

Abbey Daniels, Vice President
SenTech Medical Systems, Inc.
5353 NW 35th Avenue
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Re: Sentry 500 Thera-Turn 1000
Sentry 1000 Thera-Turn 3000
Stage IV 2000 Thera-Turn Star
Stage IV 3000 PC Alternating Pressure Mattress Replacement
Stage IV Star PC Low Airloss Mattress Replacement

Dear Ms. Daniels:

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

It is our determination that the Sentry 500, Sentry 1000, Stage IV 2000, Stage IV 3000, Stage IV Star, Thera-Turn 3000, Thera-Turn Star, PC Alternating Pressure Mattress Replacement, and PC Low Airloss Mattress Replacement meet the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for a powered air mattress as defined in the DMERC Medicare Policy for Group 2 Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for these products is

645.46 - 759.36 RR
E0277 Powered pressure-reducing air mattress.

It is our determination that the Thera-Turn 1000 Mattress Overlay does not meet the description of a support surface as it is not full bed size and does not provide air flotation, low airloss or alternating pressure. It serves as a convenience function to provide lateral rotation for a patient. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

A9270 Noncovered item or service.

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