

July 13, 2001

Catherine Wurts, Executive Assistant  
ACOR Orthopaedic, Inc.  
18530 S. Miles Parkway  
Cleveland, OH 44128

Re: Active Walkers Broadway  
Active Walkers River Walk  
Active Walkers Spring Street

Dear Ms. Wurts:

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

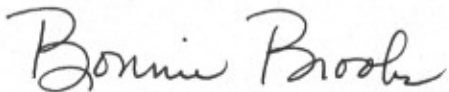
It is our determination that the Active Walkers Broadway, Active Walkers River Walk and, Active Walkers Spring Street meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for a therapeutic shoe for diabetics as defined by the DMERC Medical Policy for Therapeutic Shoes For Diabetics. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for these products is

**A5500 For diabetics only, fitting (including follow-up), custom preparation and supply of off-the-shelf depth-inlay shoe manufactured to accommodate multi-density insert(s), per shoe.**

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 would 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, nor does it imply or guarantee reimbursement or coverage. For questions regarding 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,



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HCPCS Medical Analyst  
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cc: DMERCs

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