



## MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary  
Part B Carrier  
DME Regional Carrier

January 7, 2004

Kenneth Fu, General Manager  
Karman Healthcare Inc.  
12267 Barringer Street South  
El Monte, CA 91733

Re: KM-5000 Series Wide (Model KM-5000-20)

Dear Mr. Fu:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on January 5, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the KM-5000 Series Wide (Model KM-5000-20) meets the description for an extra heavy-duty wheelchair as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Manual Wheelchairs. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are

**K0007 Extra heavy-duty wheelchair**

**K0028 Manual, fully reclining back** for DOS through 12/31/03

**E1226 Manual wheelchair accessory, fully reclining back, each** effective for DOS 01/01/04

**K0025 Hook-on headrest extension** for DOS through 12/31/03

**E0966 Manual wheelchair accessory, headrest extension, each** effective for DOS 01/01/04

**K0057 Seat width 19 or 20 inches for heavy duty or extra heavy-duty chair** for DOS through 12/31/03

**E2201 Manual wheelchair accessory, nonstandard seat frame width, greater than or equal to 20 inches, but less than 24 inches** for DOS effective 01/01/04

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as 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.

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Re: KM-5000 Series (Models KM-5000-18, KM-5000-16)

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The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on January 5, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the KM-5000 Series (Models KM-5000-18, KM-5000-16) meets the description for a high strength, ultralight wheelchair as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Manual Wheelchairs. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are

- ✓ **K0004 High strength, lightweight wheelchair**
- ✓ **K0195 Elevating legrest, pair (for use with capped rental wheelchair base)** for both models
- K0028 Manual, fully reclining back** for DOS through 12/31/03
- ✓ **E1226 Manual wheelchair accessory, fully reclining back, each** for DOS effective 01/01/04
- K0025 Hook-on headrest extension** for DOS through 12/31/03
- ✓ **E0966 Manual wheelchair accessory, headrest extension, each** for DOS effective 01/01/04

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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.

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