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**Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing**

**Xref #:** 16153745

**Product:** THE SUAD DEVICE, THE SUAD ELITE, THE TEMPORARY SUAD APPLIANCE (TSA)

**Model numbers:** SUAD DEVICE, SUAD ELITE, TSA

Dear Mr. Strong:

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor provides Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC has reviewed the above listed products. It is the determination of the PDAC and the DME MACs that the Medicare HCPCS codes to use when billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) are:

E0486 - ORAL DEVICE/APPLIANCE USED TO REDUCE UPPER AIRWAY COLLAPSIBILITY, ADJUSTABLE OR NON-ADJUSTABLE, CUSTOM FABRICATED, INCLUDES FITTING AND ADJUSTMENT (For The SUAD Device and The SUAD Elite)

A9270 - NON-COVERED ITEM OR SERVICE (For The Temporary SUAD Appliance (TSA))

The TSA device does not meet the reasonable useful life definition of DME. The Medicare Benefits Policy manual states, "The reasonable useful lifetime of durable medical equipment is determined through program instructions. In the absence of program instructions, carriers may determine the reasonable useful lifetime of equipment, but in no case can it be less than 5 years."

