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<b>Manufacturer Name</b>	<b>Product Name</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Assigned HCPCS Code(s)</b>
ASPEN MEDICAL PRODUCTS LLC	VRTX TX Collar	985101	L0174
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Dear Mike Allen,

The Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) Contractor has reviewed the product(s) listed above and has approved the listed Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code(s) for billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs).

The PDAC Contractor provides coding assistance to manufacturers to ensure proper coding of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). The PDAC publishes coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Policy Articles and any related Advisory Articles established by the DME MACs. All products submitted to the PDAC for a coding verification review are examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

Based on this review and application of DME MAC policy, the HCPCS code(s) listed below should be used when billing the DME MACs:

L0174 CERVICAL, COLLAR, SEMI-RIGID, THERMOPLASTIC FOAM, TWO PIECE  
WITH THORACIC EXTENSION, PREFABRICATED, OFF-THE-SHELF

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the letter's date and provide evidence to substantiate a reconsideration of PDAC's original coding determination. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form located on the PDAC website at [www.dmepdac.com](http://www.dmepdac.com). If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, it will require a new application and documentation to support the request.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, as listed on the Product Classification List (PCL) on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS). Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at [www.dmepdac.com](http://www.dmepdac.com). It is also the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to assure their websites and product marketing materials accurately reflect the product reviewed by the PDAC and the coding decision assigned.

An assignment of the HCPCS code(s) to product(s) is not an approval or endorsement of the product(s) by Medicare or Palmetto GBA; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage.

If you have questions, please contact the PDAC HCPCS Helpline at (877) 735-1326 during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. You may also visit our [website](#) to chat with one of our representatives or select the Contact Us button at the top of the page for email, FAX or postal mail information.

Sincerely,

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