

October 27, 2011

MEDLINE INDUSTRIES INC
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Re: Assigned HCPCS Codes for DME Billing

Xref #: 16209970

Product: CURAD AVANT GAUZE, CURAD SITE PAD, CURAD TOP SPONGE

Model number: CUR26444, CUR21450, CUR21442

Dear Ms. Holland:

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 our determination that the Medicare HCPCS codes to use when billing the four Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) are:

A6402 - GAUZE, NON-IMPREGNATED, STERILE, PAD SIZE 16 SQ. IN. OR LESS, WITHOUT ADHESIVE BORDER, EACH DRESSING for model number CUR26444

A6251 - SPECIALTY ABSORPTIVE DRESSING, WOUND COVER, STERILE, PAD SIZE 16 SQ. IN. OR LESS, WITHOUT ADHESIVE BORDER, EACH DRESSING for model number CUR21442

A6252 - SPECIALTY ABSORPTIVE DRESSING, WOUND COVER, STERILE, PAD SIZE MORE THAN 16 SQ. IN. BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 48 SQ. IN., WITHOUT ADHESIVE BORDER, EACH DRESSING for model number CUR21450

According to the Article for Surgical Dressings - Policy Article - Effective January 2010, specialty absorptive dressings (A6251-A6256) are unitized multi-layer dressings which provide (a) either a semi-adherent quality or nonadherent layer, and (b) highly absorptive layers of fibers such as absorbent cellulose, cotton, or rayon. These may or may not have an adhesive border.

Model numbers CUR21442 and CUR21450 best meet the description of a specialty absorptive dressing.

The PDAC provides coding decisions based on the coding guidelines established by the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and associated policy article developed by the DME MACs. All products submitted to PDAC for a coding verification review are carefully examined by coders and professionals following a formal, standardized process.

This decision applies to the application that we received on September 13, 2011. If information submitted in that application has changed or were to change, it could impact our decision. Therefore, a new application would need to be submitted for HCPCS coding verification review. This coding decision will be available within ten (10) working days on the Durable Medical Equipment Coding System (DMECS), which is located on the PDAC web site, www.dmepdac.com. Please take the time to verify that this coding decision is correctly reflected in DMECS.

It is the responsibility of manufacturers and distributors to notify the PDAC immediately of any changes involving their products, related to their current listing on the Product Classification List (PCL) on DMECS. Further information for requesting updates to the PCL can be found on the PDAC website at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/notifying.html>.

The assignment of the HCPCS codes to these products is not an approval or endorsement of the products by Medicare or Noridian Administrative Services, LLC; nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a reconsideration within 45 days of the date of this letter. To request a reconsideration, complete the Reconsideration Request form located on the PDAC web site at <https://www.dmepdac.com/review/requesting.html>. If your request for a reconsideration is made after the 45-day time frame, we will treat it as a coding verification review request and require a new application and documentation to support the request.

If you have questions about claim coverage or reimbursement, please contact the DME MAC for your jurisdiction. For other questions, contact the PDAC Contact Center at the address listed above or by telephone at (877) 735-1326. The Contact Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT.

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