

August 17, 1999

Lisa A. Bauer, Senior Product Manager  
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Re: Exuderm Ultra                      Medline Bordered Gauze  
Exuderm Sacrum                      Maxorb Hydrofiber Alginate Dressing Cover  
Suresite                                  Maxorb Hydrofiber Alginate Dressing Rope  
Suresite IV

Dear Ms. Bauer:

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

It is our determination that Exuderm Ultra meets the characteristics and description of a hydrocolloid dressing as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for Exuderm Ultra is

**A6234 Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing.**

It is our determination that Exuderm Sacrum meets the characteristics and description of a hydrocolloid dressing as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for Exuderm Sacrum is

**A6238 Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., with any size adhesive border, each dressing.**

It is our determination that Suresite and Suresite IV meet the characteristics and description of a transparent film dressing as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for Suresite and Suresite IV is

**A6257 Transparent film, 16 sq. in. or less, each dressing.**

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**A6258 Transparent film, more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., each dressing.**

It is our determination that Medline Bordered Gauze meets the characteristics and description of a non-impregnated gauze as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for Medline Bordered Gauze is

**A6219 Gauze, non-impregnated, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, with any size adhesive border, each dressing.**

**A6220 Gauze, non-impregnated, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., with any size adhesive border, each dressing.**

It is our determination that Maxorb Hydrofiber Alginate Dressing Cover meets the characteristics and description of an alginate dressing as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for Maxorb Hydrofiber Alginate Dressing Cover is

**A6196 Alginate dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, each dressing.**

**A6197 Alginate dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., each dressing.**

It is our determination that Maxorb Hydrofiber Alginate Dressing Rope meets the characteristics and description of an alginate dressing as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for Maxorb Hydrofiber Alginate Dressing Rope is

**A6199 Alginate dressing, wound filler, per 6 inches.**

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, you may contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 788-0222, extension 38114.

Sincerely,



Shana M. Sanders  
HCPCS Coordinator  
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs