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November 27, 2001

Lisa Bauer  
Medline Industries, Inc.  
One Medline Place  
Mundelein, IL 60060-4486

Re: Optifoam Non-Adhesive Foam Dressing

Dear Ms. Bauer:

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

It is our determination that the above listed product meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS codes as assigned. This determination is in accordance with the coding guidelines as defined by the DMERC Suppliers Manual (Surgical Dressings, Chapter 61, Region C) and our review of the physical characteristics of your product. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing codes (HCPCS code) for this product is as follows:

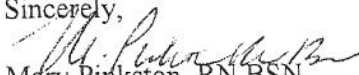
**A6209** Foam dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing (for dressing size 4" x 4")

**A6210** Foam dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 16 sq. in., but less than or equal to 48sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing (for dressing size 6" x 6")

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product as it was presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and four regional DMERCs. Any modifications to this product may change the HCPCS code and would require further review 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, the four regional DMERCs or Medicare, nor does it imply or guarantee reimbursement or coverage. For questions regarding coverage or reimbursement claims please contact your regional DMERC.

If you have any questions regarding this coding determination please contact me, at (803) 763-8215. You may also address your concerns in writing to the address listed below. Thank you for allowing us to assist you with the coding verification of your product.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Pinkston, RN BSN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs

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