

DME Policy Updates

June 20, 2022

Non-Covered Surgical Dressings

Surgical Dressings Benefits-Simple wounds are not covered. These include the following wounds:

- ⇒ Stage 1 pressure ulcer
- ⇒ First degree burn
- ⇒ Wounds caused by trauma not requiring surgical closure or debridement
 - e.g., skin tear, abrasion, venipuncture, or arterial puncture site (e.g., blood sample), other than the site of an indwelling catheter or needle

Medicare covers primary or secondary surgical dressings:

- ⇒ When used to protect or treat a wound
- ⇒ If medically necessary after a wound is debrided

It is imperative that you do the following:

- ⇒ Include clinical information in patients' medical records that demonstrates a reasonable and necessary need for the type and quantity of surgical dressings
- ⇒ Evaluate the wound monthly in most cases and update the record, unless you document why you cannot do a monthly evaluation and how you are monitoring the patient's ongoing use of dressings

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June 07, 2022

Ankle Foot Orthoses (AFO) Knee Ankle Foot Orthoses (KAFO)

Some pertinent updates regarding HCPCS codes L1910, L1932, and L1951.

There are no additional HCPCS codes for these types of orthoses because custom-fitted devices are product category 02 and off-the-shelf (OTS) devices are product category 03. No additional HCPCS codes are allowed to be submitted with them.

Additionally, there are minor grammatical coding language changes to HCPCS: L1900, L1902, L1904, L1906, L1907, L1910, L1920, L1930, L1932, L1940, L1945, L1950, L1951, L1960, L1970, L1971, L1980, L1990, and L2006

Changes to Certificate of Medical Necessity and Durable Medical Equipment Information Form

CMNs and DIF are being eliminated for all DME, effective January 1, 2023. It is currently required that you submit CMN and DIF forms to help document medical necessity and other coverage criteria for selected DME or certain items prescribed by podiatrists including NPWT, bone stimulators, and pneumatic compression devices. They will not accept CMNs and DIFs on claims for dates of service on or after January 1, 2023-They will reject the claim and return it to you.

References-APMA and Noridian