

MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
Part B Carrier
DME Regional Carrier

September 25, 2003

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

Re:

Medline Bordered Gauze (MSC3244- 4" x 4", MSC3266- 6" x 6", MSC32410- 4" x 10",

MSC32414-4" x 14")

Dear Mr. Bauer:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on September 24, 2003 for the above listed product manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Medline Bordered Gauze (MSC3244-4" x 4", MSC3266- 6" x 6". MSC32410- 4" x 10", MSC32414- 4" x 14") meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for surgical dressings as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

A6219 Gauze, non-impregnated, pad size 16 sq. in. less, with any size adhesive border, each dressing (Models MSC3244, MSC3266, MSC32410)

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 (Model MSC32414)

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