



MEDICARE

Part A Intermediary
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Lisa Bauer
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Re: Exuderm Satin Hydrocolloid Wound Dressing (MSC5422- 2"x2", MSC5444- 4"x4", MSC5466- 6"x6", MSC5488- 8"x8")
Exuderm Sacrum Hydrocolloid Wound Dressing (MSC5370-4"x3.6")

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 Exuderm Satin Hydrocolloid Wound Dressing (MSC5422-2"x2", MSC5444-4"x4", MSC5466-6"x6", MSC5488-8"x8") and Exuderm Sacrum Hydrocolloid Wound Dressing (MSC5370-4"x3.6") both meet 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

A6234 Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing (Models MSC5444, MSC5422, MSC5370)

A6235 Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing (Model MSC5466)

A6236 Hydrocolloid dressing, wound cover, pad size more than 48 sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing (Model MSC5488)

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.

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