



## 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: Skintegrity Hydrogel Dressing (MSC6002 - 2"x2", MSC6044- 4"x 4")

Dear Ms. 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 Skintegrity Hydrogel Dressing (MSC6002 - 2"x2", MSC6044- 4"x 4") meets the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for surgical dressings as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressing. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for this product is

**A6231 Gauze, impregnated, hydrogel, for direct wound contact, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, each dressing**

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.

If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-8225.

Sincerely,

B. J. White, RN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs

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