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August 5, 2003

Lisa Bauer, Vice President
Medline Industries, Inc.
One Medline Place
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Re: Medfix Dressing Retention Sheet
Medfix EZ Dressing Retention Sheet

Dear Ms. Bauer:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on August 4, 2003 for the above listed products manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the above listed products meet the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for tape as defined by the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for these products is **A4452 Tape, waterproof, per 18 square inches**

When submitting this product for reimbursement, please add modifier AW Item furnished in conjunction with a surgical dressing

This HCPCS coding decision applies to your product as it was presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and 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
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cc: DMERCs

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