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June 10, 2004

Michael Tymkiw  
President, Primary Care Division  
Medline Industries, Inc.  
One Medline Place  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Re: Medi-Strips Wound Closure Strips (Models NON250318, NON250114, NON250412,  
NON250314, NON250414)

Dear Mr. Tymkiw:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on June 7, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the Medi-Strips Wound Closure Strips (Models NON250318, NON250114, NON250412, NON250314, NON250414) meets the description for the Surgical Dressings as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code for the product is

**A4450 Tape, waterproof, per 18 square inches.**

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as 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.

Should you disagree with this coding decision, a re-review of the product(s) can be initiated. The SADMERC will provide a re-review if the request is made within 45 days of the date of this letter and additional documentation is provided supporting the request. If a request for a re-review is made after 45 days, the request is treated as a new Coding Verification Review and a complete application must be submitted along with the additional documentation supporting the request.

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If you have any questions regarding this coding decision, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at (803) 763-7373.

Sincerely,

*Janice Neely, RN*

Janice Neely, RN  
HCPCS Medical Analyst  
SADMERC

cc: DMERCs