

DME MAC Jurisdiction A

Surgical Dressings - Billing Update

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Our current review of claims for Surgical Dressings by the DME MAC Jurisdiction A, Medical Review, identified billing discrepancies regarding the correct use of modifiers A1 to A9 with surgical dressing claims.

The use of these modifiers is required. Suppliers must always use the appropriate modifier based on the number of wounds being treated. For example, when billing for A6216 (gauze, non-impregnated, non-sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing), if one wound is being treated, modifier A1 should be used. For two wounds, modifier A2 should be appended to the HCPCS, etc. Our determination of the correct units of service will be based on the modifier billed.

It is important for suppliers to be familiar with the documentation requirements and utilization parameters as outlined in the LCD and policy article. Suppliers can review these on our web site at:

<http://www.medicarenhic.com/dme>