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**News Flash** – The Medicare Learning Network® has released a new CD-ROM titled “The Interactive Guide to the Medicare Learning Network.” This CD-ROM allows for a two-way flow of information between FFS providers and the MLN. Providers and other healthcare professionals can link directly from the products described on the CD-ROM to the MLN webpages and the MLN Catalog of Products. Once there, users can then confidently download and print copies of the most up-to-date and accurate MLN products. To order the CD-ROM through the MLN Product Ordering System, visit <http://www.CMS.gov/MLNProducts> on the CMS website.

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## New K Codes for Suction Pumps and Wound Dressings

### Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) or Durable Medical Equipment contractors (DME MACs) for providing suction pumps and accompanying surgical dressings to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

Effective July 1, 2011, Medicare will allow four new K codes for billing suction pumps and accompanying surgical dressings. Ensure that your billing staffs are aware of these new K codes, which are effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2011. The codes and their descriptors are as follows:

- K0743 - SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, FOR USE ON WOUNDS;
- K0744 - ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, PAD SIZE 16 SQUARE INCHES OR LESS;

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- K0745 - ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL; PORTABLE, PAD SIZE MORE THAN 16 SQUARE INCHES BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 48 SQUARE INCHES; and
- K0746 - ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, PAD SIZE GREATER THAN 48 SQUARE INCHES.

**Note:** The coverage type for these codes is "C," and their coverage is subject to your contractor's discretion. Further, the addition of these codes does not imply their coverage by Medicare.

## Additional Information

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You can find the official instruction, CR7411, issued to your A/B MAC or DME MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2206CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) website.

If you have any questions, please contact your A/B MAC or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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