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SUBJECT: New K codes for Suction Pumps and Wound Dressings

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Effective July 1, 2011, four new K codes will be established for Suction Pumps and accompanying Surgical Dressings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 5, 2011

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their operating budgets.

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Effective July 1, 2011, four new K codes will be established for Suction Pumps and accompanying Surgical Dressings.

B. Policy: Effective July 1, 2011, the following codes will be added to the system.

K0743 – (Short) Portable home suction pump

(long) SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, FOR USE ON WOUNDS

K0744 – (Short) Absorp drg <= 16 suc pump

(long) ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, PAD SIZE 16 SQUARE INCHES OR LESS

K0745 – (Short) Absorp drg >16 <=48 suc pump

(long) 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

K0746 – (Short) Absorp drg >48 suc pump

(long) ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, PAD SIZE GREATER THAN 48 SQUARE INCHES

Coverage of these items is subject to contractor discretion. The addition of these codes does not in any way imply Medicare coverage of these items.

The jurisdiction for these codes is DME MAC.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)						
		A	D	F	C	R	Shared-System Maintainers	OTHER
		/	M	I	A	H		
		B	E		R	H		
					I			
		M	M		I			
		A	A		E			

		C	C		R		F	M	V	C	
							I	C	M	W	
							S	S	S	F	
							S				
7411.1	<p>Contractors shall add the following new K codes to their system effective for dates of service July 1, 2011:</p> <p>K0743 - SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, FOR USE ON WOUNDS TOS = R; BETOS = DIE; Pricing = 36; CWF category = 01, 60; Coverage = C</p> <p>K0744 - ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, PAD SIZE 16 SQUARE INCHES OR LESS TOS = S; BETOS = DIE; Pricing = 34, CWF category = 16, 60; Coverage = C</p> <p>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 TOS = S; BETOS = DIE; Pricing = 34, CWF category = 16, 60; Coverage = C</p> <p>K0746 - ABSORPTIVE WOUND DRESSING FOR USE WITH SUCTION PUMP, HOME MODEL, PORTABLE, PAD SIZE GREATER THAN 48 SQUARE INCHES TOS = S; BETOS = DIE; Pricing = 34, CWF category = 16, 60; Coverage = C</p>	X	X	X							X

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)									
		A	D	F	C	R	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
		B	M	I	A	H					
					R	I	F	M	V	C	
		M	M		I		I	C	M	W	
		A	A		E		S	S	S	F	
		C	C		R		S				
7411.2	<p>A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of</p>	X	X	X							

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		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I I E R	C A R I E R	R H H I S S	Shared-System Maintainers			
						F I S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	<p>the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv.</p> <p>Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.</p>									

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below: N/A

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: For all other recommendations and supporting information, use this space: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): FIs and Part A MACs should contact Wil Gehne on (410)786-6148. DME MACs should contact Angela Costello on (410)768-1554.

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

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