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Dear Valued Prism Customer,

This update effects your patients with Medicare Plans, effective April 13, 2022.

On January 12, 2022, CMS (Medicare) announced updates to the Master List of DMEPOS which is subject to a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD). This update includes, for the first time, three (3) items covered by the Medicare Surgical Dressing Benefit. Those codes and descriptions are:

A6203 - Composite Dressing, Sterile, Pad Size 16sq in or less, with any size adhesive border

A6219 - Gauze, Non-Impregnated, Sterile, Pad Size 16sq in or less, with any size adhesive border

A6242 - Hydrogel Dressing, Wound Cover, Sterile, Pad Size 16sq in or less, WITHOUT adhesive border

Most providers are aware that service/delivery of surgical dressings can generally occur without a completed Standard Written Order (SWO); as suppliers MUST only have a completed SWO on file prior to claim submission. However, regarding the three items listed above, suppliers MUST have a full completed SWO on file prior to delivery. A valid SWO MUST contain all of the following elements:

- Beneficiary's name or Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI)
- Order Date
- General Description of the item(s) being ordered
- Quantity of the items to be dispensed
- Treating Practitioner's Name or NPI
- Treating Practitioner's Signature

Take note, many practitioners do not sign their orders upon initial dispensing request. For the items listed above, failure to provide an order which meets every element of a valid SWO could cause delays in shipping/delivery. Additionally, these products, and others, have the additional requirement of qualifying wound (i.e. debridement and/or surgical procedure), wound thickness, drainage and sizing.

Your Prism Representative(s) will work with you to find solution which will minimize impacts to you and your patients. We thank you for your consideration of this matter and trusting Prism with your patients wound care needs.

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