
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: New Temporary "K" Codes for Ostomy Devices and Supplies

The following "K" codes have been established to identify technological advances in ostomy devices and supplies:

- K0561 Ostomy skin barrier, non-pectin based, paste, per ounce
(Non-pectin based ostomy paste)
- K0562 Ostomy skin barrier, pectin-based, paste, per ounce
(Pectin based ostomy paste)
- K0563 Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear,
with built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
(Ext wear ost skn barr $\leq 4\text{sq}''$)
- K0564 Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear, with
built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
(Ext wear ost skn barr $\geq 4\text{sq}''$)
- K0565 Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear,
without built-in convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
(Ost skn barr w flng $\leq 4\text{sq}''$)
- K0566 Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), extended wear,
without built-in convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
(Ost skn barr w flng $> 4\text{sq}''$)
- K0567 Ostomy pouch, drainable, with karaya based barrier attached, without built-in
convexity, (1 piece), each
(1 pc drainable ost pouch)
- K0568 Ostomy pouch, drainable, with standard wear barrier attached, without built-in
convexity, (1 piece), each
(1 pc cnvx drainabl ost pouch)
- K0569 Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, for use on a barrier with flange (2 piece system),
each
(2 pc drainable ost pouch)
- K0570 Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), without built-in
convexity, 4 x 4 inches or smaller, each
(ostomy skn barr w flng $\leq 4\text{sq}''$)
- K0571 Ostomy skin barrier, with flange (solid, flexible, or accordion), without built-in
convexity, larger than 4 x 4 inches, each
(ostomy skn barr w flng $\geq 4\text{sq}''$)
- K0572 Tape, non-waterproof, per 18 square inches
(Non-waterproof tape)
- K0573 Tape, waterproof, per 18 square inches
(Waterproof tape)
- K0574 Addition to ostomy pouch, filter, integral or added separately to pouch, each
(Ostomy pouch filter)
- K0575 Addition to ostomy pouch, rustle-free material, per pouch
(Ost pouch rustle free mat)

- K0576 Addition to ostomy pouch, friction and irritant-reducing, absorbent, interface layer (comfort panel), per pouch
(added material layer to prevent skin irritation, sticking and sweating resulting from direct contact of plastic pouch with skin)
- K0577 Addition to ostomy pouch, odor barrier, incorporated into pouch laminate, per pouch
(Ostomy pouch odor barrier)
- K0578 Addition to ostomy pouch , faucet-type tap with valve for draining urinary pouch, each
(Urinary pouch faucet/drain)
- K0579 Addition to ostomy pouch, absorbent material (sheet/pad/crystal packet) to thicken liquid stomal output, for use in pouch, each
(Ost pouch absorbent material)
- K0580 Addition to ostomy pouch, flange locking mechanism, each
(Ost pouch locking flange)

TOS = P

BETOS = D1A

Coverage = D

Pricing = 37

CWF category = 03,60

DMEPOS Category = 3

POS = 12,31,32,33,54,55,56

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is April 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is April 1, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2003.

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