

Program Memorandum

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SUBJECT: New Temporary “K” Codes for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pumps

Three temporary “K” codes have been established to be used with the new Regional Medical Review Policy (RMRP) for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pumps that will be effective October 2000. The new codes will read:

- K0538 – Negative pressure wound therapy electrical pump, stationary or portable
(Short description: Neg pressure wnd thrpy pump)
(TOS = R BETOS = DIE Coverage = C Pricing = 36)
- K0539 – Dressing set for negative pressure wound therapy electrical pump, stationary or portable, each
(Short description: Neg pres wnd thrpy dsg set)
(TOS = P BETOS = DIA Coverage = C Pricing = 34)
- K0540 – Canister set for negative pressure wound therapy electrical pump, stationary or portable, each
(Short description: Neg pres wnd thrpy canister)
(TOS = P BETOS = DIA Coverage = C Pricing = 34)

These codes affect the VIPS standard system, the CWF, and the local DMERC systems. The CWF categories affected are Capped Rental DME (01) for code K0538, DMEPOS Supplies (16) for codes K0539 and K0540 and DMERC Submitted (60) for all three codes. The POS for these codes are 12, 33, 54, 55, 56.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2002.

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