

Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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SUBJECT: Addition of “K” Codes for Surgical Dressings

SCOPE

Effective July 1, 2003 new “K” codes will be established for billing surgical dressings.

IMPLEMENTATION

Effective July 1, 2003 the following codes must be added to the DMERC system as follows:

K0620 - Tubular elastic dressing, any width, per linear yard

K0621 - Gauze, packing strips, non-impregnated, less than or equal to 2 inches, per linear yard

CWF Category	21,60
DMERC DMEPOS Category	9
Type of Service	S – Surgical dressing or other medical supply
Place of Service	12, 31, 32, 33, 54, 55, 56
Pricing	35

EDUCATION

DMERCs must publish this information in their next regularly scheduled bulletins and post it on your Web sites within one month of receiving this Program Memorandum (PM). If you have a listserv that targets the affected provider community, you must use it to notify subscribers that information about “Billing Surgical Dressings” is available on your Web site.

The *effective date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is July 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, contact your regional office.