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## **SUBJECT: New Temporary K Codes for Hydrogel Impregnated Gauze**

Currently there are hydrogel dressings that are for wound packing and require a cover. Some other dressings do not require a cover. We need to have codes for these items.

The new codes will read:

K0535 - Gauze, impregnated, hydrogel, for direct wound contact, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing.

Short Description: Hydrogel primary dressing sm

K0536 - Gauze, impregnated, hydrogel, for direct wound contact, pad size more than 16 sq. in. but less than or equal to 48 sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing.

Short Description: Hydrogel primary dressing med

K0537 - Gauze, impregnated, hydrogel, for direct wound contact, pad size more than 48 sq. in., without adhesive border, each dressing.

Short Description: Hydrogel primary dressing lg

These codes affect the VIPS standard system, the CWF, and the local DMERC systems. The CWF categories affected are: Surgical Dressings (21) and DMERC Submitted (60). (TOS:S/BETOS:D1A/Coverage:C/Pricing:35)

**The *effective* date of this Program Memorandum (PM) is July 1, 2000.**

**The *implementation* date for this PM is July 1, 2000.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after July 1, 2001.**

**DMERC contractors should contact their appropriate lead regional office project officer with any questions.**