Policy References: Local Coverage Determination Surgical Dressings (L33831) and Policy Article (A52491)

Documentation References: Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (PA) A55426

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- Sign and date a Detailed Written Order (DWO) that includes the following elements:
  - The type of dressing (e.g., hydrocolloid wound cover, hydrogel wound filler, etc.), and
  - The size of the dressing (if applicable), and
  - The number/amount to be used at one time (if more than one), and
  - The frequency of dressing change.

- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

Wounds that qualify for coverage

- A wound caused by, or treated by, a surgical procedure; or
- After debridement of the wound, regardless of the debridement technique.

Medical Documentation

- A monthly evaluation by the treating physician (or their designee). Documentation in the medical record must include;
  - Type of wound (surgical, debrided, pressure ulcer etc.)
  - Location of wound
  - Size (length x width) and depth
  - Amount of drainage
  - Any other relevant information

- A weekly evaluation (same criteria as above) is required for;
  - Beneficiaries in a nursing facility
  - Heavily draining wounds
  - Infected wounds

- Indicate what dressing is being used as primary (applied directly to wound)
- Indicate what dressing is being used as secondary (used to secure primary dressing)

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