

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:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- 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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