

Policy References: [Local Coverage Determination Surgical Dressings \(L33831\)](#) and [Policy Article \(A54563\)](#)

Documentation References: [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article - A55426](#)

The supplier must be able to provide all of these items on request:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#) (a new order is needed every 3 months)
- [Beneficiary Authorization](#)
- [Refill Requirements](#)
- [Proof of Delivery \(POD\)](#)
- [Continued Need](#)
- [Continued Use](#)
- Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

Medical Records should contain:

Surgical dressings

- A wound caused by, or treated by, a surgical procedure, **OR**
- After debridement of the wound

Wound Evaluation

- Monthly Wound Evaluation; **OR**
- Weekly Wound Evaluation (Nursing Home beneficiaries; infected wounds, heavily draining wounds); **AND**
- Type of Wound; **AND**
- Location; **AND**
- Size (L x W) and Depth; **AND**
- Drainage; **AND**
- Number of wound(s)

Qualifying Dressing

- Frequency of dressing change; **AND**
- Type of dressing; **AND**
- Purpose of dressing (primary, secondary, non-covered); **AND**
- Size of dressing; **AND**
- The Number/amount to be used at one time

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Specific Dressing Coverage Criteria

Alginate Collagen Dressing/Filler (A6196-A6199)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Full thickness; **AND**
 - Moderate to Heavy Exudate; **AND**
 - Dressing change is up to 1x per day

Collagen Dressing/Filler (A6010, A6011, A6021-A6024)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Full thickness; **OR**
 - Light to Moderate Exudate; **OR**
 - Wound has stalled/not progressing towards healing; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 7 days

Composite Dressing (A6203-A6205)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Moderate to Heavy Exudate; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/week

Contact Layer Dressing (A6203-A6205)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Not used with a non- or semi-adherent dressing; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 1x/week

Foam dressing/filler (A6209-A6215)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Full Thickness; **AND**
 - Moderate to Heavy Exudate; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/week for foam cover; **OR**
 - Dressing change up to 1x/day for foam filler

Gauze: Non-Impregnated Dressing (A6216-A6221, A6402-A6404, A6407)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - No more than 2 gauze pads per wound per dressing change; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/day (without border); **OR**
 - Dressing change up to 1x/day (with border)

Gauze: impregnated Dressing (A6222-A6224, A6266)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 1x/day

Gauze: Impregnated with Water or Normal Saline Dressing (A6228-A6230)

- These dressings are denied as not reasonable and necessary when billed

Hydrocolloid Dressings

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Light to Moderate Exudate; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/week

Hydrogel Dressing/Filler (A6231-A6233, A6242-A6248)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Full Thickness; **AND**
 - Minimal to No Exudate; **AND**
 - Not used with an absorptive dressing; **AND**
 - Not more than one type of hydrogel dressing (filler, cover, or impregnated gauze); **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/week (with border); **OR**
 - Dressing change up to 1x/daily (without border or filler)

Specialty Absorptive Dressing (A6251-A6256)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Full Thickness; **AND**
 - Moderate to heavy Exudate; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 1x/day (without border); **OR**
 - Dressing change up to every other day (with border)

Transparent Film (A6257-A6259)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Open partial thickness; **AND**
 - Minimal exudate or closed wound; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/week

Wound Pouch (A6154)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Dressing change up to 3x/week

Zinc Paste Impregnated Bandage (A6456)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
 - Used for treatment of venous leg ulcers **ONLY**; **AND**
 - Dressing Change up to 1x/week

Tape (A4450 and A4452)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
- Used to secure a wound cover; **AND**
- Not used with adhesive bordered dressing; **AND**
- Utilization is based on size of dressing; **AND**
- Frequency of change is determined by wound cover

Light Compressing Bandage (A6448-A6450), Moderate Compressing Bandage (A6451, A6452), Self-Adherent Bandage (A6453-A6455), Conforming Bandage (A6442-A6447), Padding Bandage (A6441)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
- Multiple Layer; **AND**
- Used for treatment of venous stasis ulcers; **AND**
- Dressing change up to 1x/week; **OR**
- Frequency of change for conforming bandage is determined by underlying dressing

Gradient Compressing Stocking/Wrap (A6531, A6532, A6545)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
- Used for treatment of venous leg ulcers ONLY; **AND**
- For A6545 ONLY
- Frequency of change is 1x/6 month per leg

Compression Burn Garments (A6501-A6513)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
- Used for the treatment to reduce hypertrophic scarring and joint contractures post burn

Wound Filler, Not Elsewhere Classified (A6261-A6262)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
- Coverage is based on the characteristic of the underlying material; **AND**
- Description of the item; **AND**
- Manufacturer name; **AND**
- Product Name and Number; **AND**
- Supplier Price List Amount; **AND**
- Frequency of change is up to 1x/day

Miscellaneous Surgical Supply (A4649)

- Criteria for a qualifying wound are met; **AND**
- Description of the item; **AND**
- Manufacturer name; **AND**
- Product Name and Number; **AND**
- Supplier Price List Amount