

LA.CLI.060 Wound Care

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~~Medicaid Clinical Delivery Experience~~

Dept.:

~~10585LA Medicaid Utilization~~~~Management~~Last [October 1, 2024](#)~~October 1, 2023~~

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Summary of Changes:

No changes; reviewed due to an annual review

[10/11/24: Annual Review, updated references to most recent edition](#)

Scope:

This policy applies to all Humana Healthy Horizons® in Louisiana (Plan) associates who administer, review, or communicate covered physical and behavioral health benefits and services to eligible enrolled members.

Procedures:

Wound Care Supplies

Surgical dressings, bandages, and other wound care supplies may receive prior approval (PA) for three months at a time.

The PA request must reflect the submitted prescription. The PA request must document the factors below in order to meet criteria.

To request PA for wound care supplies, the following documentation must be provided:

1. Accurate diagnostic information pertaining to the underlying diagnosis/condition as well as any other medical diagnoses/conditions, to include the member's overall health status;
2. Appropriate medical history related to the current wound;
3. Wound measurements to include length, width and depth, any tunneling and/or undermining;
4. Wound color, drainage (type and amount) and odor, if present;
5. The prescribed wound care regimen, to include frequency, duration and supplies needed;
6. Treatment for infection, if present;
7. The member's use of a pressure reducing mattress and/or cushion, when appropriate; and
8. Whether or not a home health agency is involved in the care.

The prescription must be updated for any extensions to be granted.

An ~~non-Medicaid~~ approved home health agency must be involved in the care of the member for consideration of approval for wound care supplies. Any routine supplies provided by the home health agency that are not covered by the [durable medical equipment prosthetic/orthotic supplies \(DMEPOS\)](#) ~~PA~~ program must be provided in the skilled nursing visit rate.

Wound Care System

Wound care systems require prior authorization. ~~may be considered for reimbursement when prior authorized.~~

A wound care system may be considered for reimbursement medically necessary for members with: ~~a~~

1. Stage III or IV chronic, nonhealing wound, such as a pressure, venous stasis, ~~and~~ diabetic ulcers,
2. Postsurgical wound dehiscence,
3. Non-adhering skin grafts, or
4. Surgical flaps required for covering such wounds.

Types of wound care systems include the following:

1. Thermal wound care system; and
2. Sealed suction wound care system.

Portable hyperbaric oxygen chambers that are placed directly over the wound and provide higher concentrations of oxygen to the damaged tissue are not covered.

Definitions:

N/A

References:

Louisiana Department of Health, Durable Medical Equipment Provider Manual, Chapter eighteen of the Medicaid Services Manual; DME Updated February 28, 2023 accessed on October 11, 2021(lamedicaid.com).

Version Control:

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