



## MEDICARE

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November 23, 2004

Michael Tymkiw  
President, Primary Care Division  
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Mundelein, IL 60060

Re: Caring Avant Gauze Sponges, Sterile (Models PRM21444, PRM251224)  
Caring Avant Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Models PRM25224, PRM25444)

Dear Mr. Tymkiw:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on November 22, 2004 for the above listed product(s) manufactured by your company. This review resulted in a consensus coding decision.

It is our determination that the meet(s) the characteristics and description of the HCPCS code for gauze dressings as defined in the DMERC Medical Policy for Surgical Dressings. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s), depending on the size of the dressing, is/are

**A6402 Gauze, non-impregnated, sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing** for Models PRM21444, PRM251224.

**A6216 Gauze, non-impregnated, non-sterile, pad size 16 sq. in. or less, without adhesive border, each dressing** for Models PRM25224, PRM25444.

This HCPCS coding decision applies to the submitted product(s) as presented to and reviewed by the SADMERC and four DMERCs. Any modifications to this product(s) could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code to this product should in no way be construed as an approval or endorsement of this product by SADMERC or Medicare, nor does it imply or guarantee claim reimbursement or coverage. For questions regarding claim coverage or reimbursement please contact your regional DMERC.

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