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Michael Tymkiw
President, Primary Care Division
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Re:

Woven Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Models NON25208, NON25212, NON25312, NON25408, NON25412, NON25416)
X-Ray Detectable Woven Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Model NON25430)
Avant Deluxe Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Models NON26223, NON26224, NON26334, NON26443, NON26444)
Avant Gauze Non-Woven Sponges, Non-Sterile (Models NON25224, NON25334, NON25444)
Accu-Sorb Blended Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Models NON27224, NON27443, NON27444)
Caring Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Models PRM21208C, PRM21212C, PRM21312C, PRM21408C, PRM21412C)
Caring Gauze Sponges, Non-Sterile (Model PRM91408C)

Dear Mr. Tymkiw:

The SADMERC and the four Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) have completed the HCPCS Coding Verification Review on October 19, 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 surgical dressings meet the description for the HCPCS code(s) as assigned. Therefore, the correct Medicare billing code(s) for the product(s) is/are:

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

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 could change the HCPCS code and would need to be reviewed for coding verification. The assignment of a HCPCS code

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