

IODOSORB[◇] and IODOFLEX[◇]

Cadexomer Iodine Dressings



2015 Medicare Reimbursement

IODOSORB and IODOFLEX Cadexomer Iodine Dressings are considered surgical dressings/wound fillers which help facilitate autolytic debridement of a wound site when they are used as part of the treatment protocol for a surgical and/or debrided wound. While Medicare does not typically pay for disposable medical supplies, a national coverage policy was developed which creates an exception for surgical dressings used in the treatment of a surgical wound or a wound that has been debrided. As such, wound fillers/dressings like IODOSORB and IODOFLEX used in the treatment these wounds may be eligible for coverage under Medicare Part B as a billable supply, assuming all coverage criteria and documentation requirements are met and the product is used by the patient at home or for nursing home residents utilizing their Medicare Part B benefits.

Coding and coverage

Medicare has contracted with an outside organization called the Pricing Data Analysis and Coding group, or the “PDAC” to evaluate certain items and services such as surgical dressings and determine which, if any, codes apply to these products. The PDAC reviewed both IODOSORB and IODOFLEX and assigned them to the HCPCS codes A6261 and A6222 respectively¹. These codes are required when billing Medicare for IODOSORB and IODOFLEX. Other payers may or may not follow PDAC coding guidelines. As such, suppliers/providers should always check with their payers prior to submitting claims, since coding requirements like coverage rules may vary from payer to payer and even between plans. Both codes are listed as covered in the Local Coverage Decisions (LCDs) published by the four DME Medicare contractors who process claims for surgical dressings billed to Medicare for patients that meet the specific criteria in the policies.

Patient use in the home

Under Medicare, separate payment for surgical dressings like IODOSORB and IODOFLEX is only available when the products are used by the patient in their home and not receiving home health services under Medicare. Assuming the patient meets coverage criteria and has Medicare Part B benefits, payment is made based upon the rate published on the Medicare DME Fee Schedule (See below). The supplier/provider is paid 80% of the fee schedule amount and the patient is responsible for the remaining 20% as a copayment. No payment amount is listed on the Medicare Fee Schedule for A6261. Each Medicare contractor will set their own price for items denoted as “Not Priced.” Products under A6261, including IODOSORB, are still covered; however, suppliers should contact the local DME Medicare contractor in their region for additional information on billing and payment for these codes as the payment amounts may vary by region.

2015 Medicare DME Fee Schedule		
HCPCS	Description	Medicare DME Fee Schedule Floor/ceiling
A6222	Gauze, impregnated with other than water, normal saline, or hydrogel, sterile, pad size 16 sq. in or less, without adhesive border, each dressing	\$2.36/\$2.85
A6261	Wound filler, gel/paste, per fl. oz., not otherwise specified	Not Priced

The only other situation where separate payment is made for all surgical dressings including IODOSORB and IODOFLEX is when patients reside in a skilled nursing facility (SNF) but are not eligible for Medicare Part A benefits to pay for their stay. Patients may use Part B benefits to secure payment for these items because the nursing facility is considered to be the patient’s “home.” When Medicare Part A is paying for their stay in the SNF, the payment under Part A covers all supply items including IODOFLEX and IODOSORB.

All other settings

In all other settings, there is no separate payment for IODOSORB or IODOFLEX or any other surgical dressing. Payment for all surgical dressings is included in the payment for the procedure with which they were utilized. This is referred to as “bundled” payment.

¹ DMECS Database. PDAC-Nordian Healthcare Solutions. <https://www.dmepdac.com/dmecsapp/do/search>

Payment by site of service

Separately Billable

Patient Use in home

- Supplier bills HCPCS Code
- Paid under Medicare DME Fee Schedule
- Fee Schedule for IODOSORB® is not published

Non-Covered Stay in a SNF

- Supplier bills HCPCS Code
- Paid under DME Fee Schedule

Bundled Payment

Physician Office

- Supplies are not billed separately
- No HCPCS codes are reported
- Payment for suppliers is included in the fee schedule payment for the service associated with the supply item

Hospital-Inpatient

- Hospital reports HCPCS coders on claim for cost tracking purposes
- Payment is included in MS-DRG payment for the entire stay

Hospital-Outpatient

- Supplies are not reported on claim forms
- Payment for supplies is included in the APC payment for the associated procedure

Ambulatory Surgery Center

- Supplies are not reported on claim forms
- Payment for supplies is included in the APC payment for the associated procedure

Skilled Nursing Facility-Part A Covered Stay

- Supplies are listed on claim form for cost tracking purposes
- Payment is included in the facility specific per diem payment determined through the patient assessment process

Home Health Care

- HH agency reports supplies provided on claim using HCPCS codes
- Payment is included in the 60-day episodic rate

The information provided with this notice is general reimbursement information only as of March 2015; it is not legal advice, or is it advice about how to code, complete or submit any particular claim for payment. Although we supply this information to the best of our current knowledge, it is always the provider's responsibility to determine and submit appropriate codes, charges, modifiers and bills for the services that were rendered. This information is provided as of the date listed above, and all coding and reimbursement information is subject to change without notice. Payers or their local branches may have their own coding and reimbursement requirements and policies. Before filing any claims, providers should verify current requirements and policies with the payer.