

REIMBURSEMENT FACT SHEET FOR BEN-GUARD CATHETER SECUREMENT SYSTEM

HCPCS Level II Code	Description	Reimbursement
Miscellaneous Supplies		
A4463	Surgical dressing holder, reusable, each	Carrier Discretion
A4467	Belt, strap, sleeve, garment, or covering, any type	Not Covered by Medicare
A4649	Surgical supply, miscellaneous	Carrier Discretion
B9998	Enteral supplies, NOC (not otherwise classified)	Billed under DMERC
Medical & Surgical Miscellaneous Service Component		
A9900 ¹	Miscellaneous DME Supply, accessory and/or service component of another HCPCS code	Carrier Discretion
A9999 ¹	Miscellaneous DME supply or accessory, not otherwise specified	Carrier Discretion
E1399 ²	Durable medical equipment, miscellaneous	Carrier Discretion

The Ben-Guard Catheter Securement System is an innovative device that secures and conceals central venous catheter access devices used in pediatric gastrointestinal, cardiac and oncology applications such as:

- Insertion of Central Venous Access Device (CPT 36555-36566)
- Peripherally Inserted Central Venous Catheters (CPT 36568-36571)
- Repair/replacement of Central Venous Access Devices (CPT 36575-36585)
- Other Central Venous Access Procedures (CPT 36589-36598)

Insert a note in the medical record about the purpose of using a supply code for the Ben-Guard device.

The Ben-Guard System may be considered to be a non-elastic, non-sterile conforming bandage/supply providing protection over composite or multi-component dressings. Currently, a unique HCPCS code for the Ben-Guard System does not exist. According to CGS Medicare, “if a specific HCPCS code does not exist for the predominant component, HCPCS code A4649, Surgical Supply, miscellaneous is used.” (Source: <https://cgsmedicare.com/jb/pubs/news/2017/09/cope4378.html>. Accessed July 14, 2021)

¹Billing a Miscellaneous DME Supply Code. Medicare and commercial claims with miscellaneous codes are generally manually reviewed by claims contractors. The supplier must provide a clear description of the billed item, pricing information and documentation to explain why the item is needed by the beneficiary. Before using a miscellaneous code on a claim form, a supplier should verify with the entity that will receive the claim to determine whether there is a specific code that should be used rather than a miscellaneous code for the Ben-Guard Catheter Securement device.

²Billing for Certain Customized Items using E1399. Due to their unique nature (such as custom fabrication, etc.), certain customized DME cannot be grouped together for profiling purposes. Claims for customized items that do not have specific HCPCS codes are coded as E1399 (miscellaneous DME). This includes circumstances where an item that has a HCPCS code is modified to the extent that neither the original terminology nor the terminology of another HCPCS code accurately describes the modified item. Suppliers and providers other than HHAs bill the A/B MAC (B) or DME MAC. HHAs bill their A/B MAC (HHH), using revenue code 0292 along with the HCPCS. (Source: Medicare Claims Processing Manual – DMEPOS, Chapter 20, Paragraph 130.4 - Billing for Certain Customized Items. Accessed June 2018)

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United Healthcare Coverage Policy for Dressings/Bandages.

Non-surgical Dressings/Bandage	Medical Supply*	Only when provided in the physician's office, otherwise considered over the counter.
Surgical Dressings	Medical Supply* DME Prosthetic	<p>Surgical dressings are limited to primary dressings (therapeutic or protective coverings applied directly to a wound) or secondary dressings (dressings that serve a therapeutic or protective function and are needed to secure a primary dressing, e.g., tape, roll gauze, transparent film) that are medically necessary for the treatment of a wound caused by a surgical procedure or wound debridement. Surgical dressings may be covered as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical supply when provided (in/by) the physician's office DME when ordered by the treating physician or other healthcare professional for the member's home use in conjunction with a durable medical equipment (e.g., infusion pumps) Prosthetic when ordered by the treating physician or other healthcare professional for the member's home use as dressing for surgical wound or for wound debridement or in conjunction with a prosthetic device (e.g., tracheostomy)

* Medical Supplies are covered only when they are incident to a physician's professional services or authorized home health services and are furnished as an integral, although incidental, part of these services in the course of diagnosis or treatment of an injury or illness.

(Source: Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, Corrective Appliances/Orthotics (Non-Foot Orthotics) and Medical Supplies Grid, UnitedHealthcare West Benefit Interpretation Policy, Proprietary Information of United HealthCare, Copyright 2021, United HealthCare Services, Inc., Non-surgical Dressings/Bandage, Surgical Dressings, page 13, effective 05/01/21. (<https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/policies/signaturevalue-bip/dme-prosthetics-corrective-appliances-medical-supplies-grid-ca.pdf> , Accessed July 13, 2021.)

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