

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospital Providers, Nurses in Independent Practice, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Additional Cellular/Tissue-Based Product Covered by ForwardHealth

ForwardHealth covers certain cellular/tissue-based products (CTPs) for the treatment of open wounds in limited circumstances. Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2015, ForwardHealth will cover an additional CTP. This *ForwardHealth Update* outlines the coverage criteria for the new CTP.

Coverage Policy for Cellular/Tissue-Based Products

ForwardHealth covers certain cellular/tissue-based products (CTPs) in limited circumstances where evidence of efficacy is strong. ForwardHealth only covers CTPs for wound treatment for members with neuropathic diabetic foot ulcers, or non-infected venous leg ulcers, or for members who are undergoing breast reconstruction surgery following a breast cancer diagnosis. For a complete list of ForwardHealth-covered CTPs and related procedure, application, and diagnosis codes, refer to the Skin Substitute Products Procedure Codes topic (topic #17537) in the Codes chapter of the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

Newly Covered Cellular/Tissue-Based Product

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2015, ForwardHealth will cover Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code Q4131 (Epifix, per square centimeter) for the treatment of neuropathic diabetic foot ulcers and non-infected venous leg ulcers. Refer to the

Attachment of this *ForwardHealth Update* for the corresponding *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) application codes and diagnosis codes for Q4131.

Providers are required to follow CPT and HCPCS coding guidelines for reporting application procedure codes and product codes when submitting claims to ForwardHealth. Application procedure codes will not be covered when associated with noncovered CTPs.

No prior authorization is required for CTPs. All non-indicated conditions are considered noncovered.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health, Wisconsin DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or visit our website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

P-1250

ATTACHMENT

Covered Conditions, Application Codes, and Diagnosis Codes for Epifix Skin Substitute

The following table lists the covered conditions, corresponding *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) application codes, and diagnosis codes for Epifix skin substitute (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System [HCPCS] procedure code Q4131).

HCPCS Code	Description	Covered Conditions	CPT Application Code	Diagnosis Code(s)	Description
Q4131	Epifix, per square centimeter	Venous leg ulcers	15271-15278	454.0	Varicose veins of lower extremities with ulcer
				454.2	Varicose veins of lower extremities with ulcer and inflammation
				459.81	Venous (peripheral) insufficiency, unspecified
				707.12*	Ulcer of calf
				707.13*	Ulcer of ankle
				707.14*	Ulcer of heel and midfoot
				707.15*	Ulcer of other part of foot (toes)
				707.19*	Ulcer of other part of lower limb
		Full-thickness neuropathic diabetic foot ulcers	15275-15278	249.60-249.71	Secondary diabetes mellitus with neurological manifestations or peripheral circulatory disorders
				250.60-250.83	Diabetes with neurological manifestations, peripheral circulatory disorders, or other specified manifestations
				707.13	Ulcer of ankle
				707.14	Ulcer of heel and midfoot
				707.15	Ulcer other part of foot (toes)

* The *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) code must be billed with ICD-9-CM code 459.81 as the primary diagnosis.