



NEW INFORMATION

Wound Care Coverage and Item Numbers

On September 11, 2017, the NIHB created new codes for select dressings of different types and sizes. For these selected dressings, a prior authorization (PA) is not required within the set annual maximum quantity of units. A PA is required when the maximum annual quantity is exceeded.

For example, a total annual maximum quantity of 30 Alginate dressings (either the 5 cm X 5 cm size, or 10 cm X 10 cm size, or a combination of these sizes) can be claimed in a one-year period without a PA.

Below is the list of new item numbers for wound care dressings within their individual category.

Type of Dressing	Product (Units)	Annual Maximum Quantity of Units without PA	Item Number
Alginate	Alginate Hydrofibres 5 cm X 5 cm	30	99401155
	Alginate Hydrofibres 10 cm X 10 cm		99401156
Charcoal	Charcoal 10 cm X 10 cm	30	99401157
Foam	Foam, Non-Adhesive, 5 cm X 5 cm	30	99401158
	Foam, Non-Adhesive, 10 cm X 10 cm		99401159
	Foam, Adhesive, 7.5 cm X 7.5 cm		99401160
	Foam, Adhesive, 12.5 cm X 12.5 cm		99401161
Gel/Hydrogel	Gel/Hydrogel, 8 mg	20	99401162
	Gel/Hydrogel, 15 mg		99401163
	Gel/Hydrogel, 25 mg		99401164
Hydrocolloid	Hydrocolloid Standard, 10 cm X 10 cm	30	99401165
	Hydrocolloid Extra Thin, 10 cm X 10 cm		99401166

Type of Dressing	Product (Units)	Annual Maximum Quantity of Units without PA	Item Number
Non-Adherent Impregnated	Non-Adherent Impregnated Petrolatum 7.5 cm X 7.5 cm	50	99401167
	Non-Adherent Impregnated Petrolatum 10 cm X 10 cm		99401168
	Non-Adherent Impregnated Petrolatum 7.5 cm X 20 cm – 3 Strips		99401169
	Non-Adherent Impregnated Chlorhex 5 cm X 5 cm	30	99401170
	Non-Adherent Impregnated Chlorhex 10 cm X 10 cm		99401171
Non-Adherent Non-Impregnated	Non-Adherent Non-Impregnated 6 cm X 7 cm	60	99401172
	Non-Adherent Non-Impregnated 9 cm X 10 cm		99401173
Transparent	Transparent, 6 cm X 7 cm	30	99401174
	Transparent, 10 cm X 12 cm		99401175
Silver	Silver Alginate 10 cm X 10 cm	10	99401182
	Silver Alginate Ribbon 1 cm X 45.7 cm		99401177
	Silver Alginate Ribbon 1.9 cm X 45.7 cm		99401178
	Silver Alginate Ribbon 2.5 cm X 30.5 cm		99401179
Iodine	Iodine Gel (Ointment), 10 g tube	10	99401180
	Iodine Dressing (5 g) 4 cm X 6 cm		99401181

Providers are expected to retain the documentation (prescription and wound care assessment) to support the request, as these may be requested for claims verification.

For PAs received before September 11, 2017 for items that were listed, providers should continue to use the coding as listed in the active PA authorization. For all subsequent claims, providers should use the new item numbers listed above.

For wound care supplies that are not included in the table, or are over frequency, please send a PA request to the regional office.

For any questions regarding the process, please contact the Health Canada regional office.

New Item Numbers

The NIHB Program has created new item numbers for compression stocking. The following new item numbers are now in effect and are to be used when submitting PA requests to the regional office or claims to Express Scripts Canada.

Item Name	Item Number	Frequency	PA Requirement
Compression Stocking, Thigh, 20-30/30-40 mmHg (Pair)	99401146	4 per year	Yes
Compression Stocking, Thigh, 40 mmHg+ (Pair)	99401147	4 per year	Yes
Compression Stocking, Knee, 20-30/30-40 mmHg (Pair)	99401148	4 per year	Yes
Compression Stocking, Knee, 40 mmHg+ (Pair)	99401149	4 per year	Yes
Compression Stocking, Hose, 20-30/30-40 mmHg (Pair)	99401150	4 per year	Yes
Compression Stocking, Hose, 40 mmHg+ (Pair)	99401151	4 per year	Yes

For PAs for compression stockings received before September 11, 2017, providers should continue to use the item number(s) listed in the active PA authorization. However, providers should use the new item number(s) listed above for all subsequent claims.

Catheter Coverage

Effective August 1, 2017, the NIHB Program has changed its frequency guideline for intermittent catheters to a maximum of 4 catheters per day or 360 catheters per three-months.

For regular intermittent catheters, the PA requirement has been lifted. For specialized catheters (for example a hydrophilic or Coudé catheter), a new benefit code 99401154 has been created. PAs continue to be required for these specialized items.

PA requirements will also apply for coverage requests above the frequency guidelines.

Item Description	Item Number	Maximum Quantity	PA Requirement
Regular Intermittent Catheter	99400421	360 per 3 months	No
Specialized Intermittent Catheter	99401154	360 per 3 months	Yes

Consulting the Guide for Medical Supplies and Equipment Benefits

Providers are encouraged to consult and retain the most current version of the MS&E Benefits Guide that is available at canada.ca/nihb or provider.express-scripts.ca. Policy changes are communicated via these regular newsletter publications.

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