

CMS Billing and Coding Modifications

This document recaps three recent billing and coding changes from CMS that impact the WoundExpert CPT4 coding automation feature.

Skin Substitute Product Code C9349 for PuraPly and PuraPly AM

WoundExpert updated the PuraPly and PuraPly AM skin substitute product code from C9349 to Q4172 on the evening of 12/28/16. The new HCPCS code is to be reflected as Q4172 beginning on 1/1/2017. Please note that if you submitted any superbills post 12/28/16 for visits prior to 1/1/2017 they may require adjustment to reflect the appropriate CPT code. **C9349 will no longer be available within the application beginning on 1/14/17.**

Relevant Dates. Regardless of the date of the superbill submission, the following codes should be utilized based on the visit date:

PuraPly and PuraPly AM HCPCS Code for visits through 12/31/16:

- C9349 Puraply, and Puraply Antimicrobial, any type
- C9349JW Puraply, and Puraply Antimicrobial, any type, waste per square centimeter

PuraPly and PuraPly AM HCPCS Code for visits beginning 1/1/17:

- Q4172 Puraply, and Puraply Antimicrobial, any type
- Q4172JW Puraply, and Puraply Antimicrobial, any type, waste per square centimeter

Skin Substitute Product Code Q4119 Matristem Matrix

CMS announced in late December (post the final 2017 OPPS rule) some corrections to the final rule, which included the deletion of the Matristem Matrix Q4119 Skin Substitute product code beginning 1/1/2017. There are no publications from CMS indicating if another code can currently be reported as a replacement for the deleted HCPCS code Q4119.

In compliance with this correction, we will inactivate HCPCS code Q4119 Matristem on 1/14/2017.

We will be monitoring for additional information from CMS and will adjust automation accordingly as needed.

Relevant Date: Regardless of the date of the superbill submission, the Q4119 codes should NOT be utilized for any visit dates past 12/31/16.

Matristem Matrix Code Deleted by CMS for visits after 12/31/16:

- Q4119 Matristem Wound Matrix, per sq cm
- Q4119JW Matristem Wound Matrix, product waste per sq cm

During this transition time, if you would like a code to populate, view the Skin Substitute Procedure Admin documentation in WoundExpert's How-To Documentation (Setup>Facility Admin>Documentation Settings>Document Options>Skin Substitute Procedure Admin). Facility specific codes can be added to the Skin Substitute. If WoundExpert makes a future change to the automation for Matristem, then those changes may not be available to you without manually updating the Skin Substitute Admin.

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National Correct Coding Initiative Edit:

Lastly, there was also an NCCI edit change that impacts the CPT4 automation feature in WoundExpert. The edit involves the billing of a biopsy and **any** debridement code when performed on the same wound during the same visit. Previously, only the debridement code was accepted for payment; however, with the new NCCI edit only the biopsy code can be reported. This was effective as of 10/1/2016, and we are following-up with CMS to understand the rationale for the change and will provide further information as it is available.

The NCCI Edit Change from CMS was effective 10/1/2016. Below is just one example of debridement code but please note that it's applicable to any debridement code(s) and biopsy codes conducted on the same wound during the same visit.

Edit exists with 11100. 97602 is a Column 2 code. If both 11100 and 97602 are submitted, only 11100 will be paid.*

**Modifiers associated with the CCI ARE allowed with this code pair WHEN APPROPRIATE.*

Net Health plans to update this NCCI edit during the February WoundExpert powered by xfit release, scheduled for 2/28/2017.

If you would like to reach out to CMS regarding this edit, please contact:

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As with all code changes/updates, it is advised to refer to your local carrier policies and adjust your facility superbills accordingly.

Net Health is committed to continue creating products that give you tools to help you stay compliant. If you have any questions or concerns about the changes outlined above, please contact 800-411-6281 Option 2 or feedback@nethealth.com.