

Clinical Policy: Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes ~~for~~ **Chronic Wounds**

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Description

Patients receiving ~~skin replacement surgery~~treatment with a skin substitute graft should be under the care of a wound care physician or surgeon. ~~It is imperative that~~ and systemic disease should be monitored/treated to ensure adequate healing of the wound site. This policy addresses the medical necessity criteria for skin substitutes ~~infor~~ the treatment of chronic wounds.

Skin substitutes range widely in terms of origin, additives, and processing. Processing variations lead to broad differences between products within the same class, with a need for more comparative product studies. The result is that products within the same class vary significantly and the impact on the product's function is indeterminant in many cases.³¹ A 2024 systematic review/meta-analysis concluded that “enough evidence is still lacking to determine a statistical difference between broad categories of CAMPs [cellular, acellular and matrix-like products]; hence decision-makers should consider published head-head comparative studies, real-world evidence, and cost-effectiveness evidence between individual CAMPs to decide on which to use in practice.”³²

Medical necessity determinations regarding preferred products when deemed medically necessary are applicable to FDA-labeled indications. Preferred products are subject to change based on new product launches, product approvals, product withdrawals and other market changes.

Note: For criteria applicable to:

- *For skin substitutes for burns, refer to LA.CP.MP.186 Burn Surgery.*
- ~~*This policy only applies to skin and soft tissue substitute requests for diabetic foot ulcers, venous leg ulcers, or full thickness skin loss ulcers.*~~
- Breast reconstructive procedures, please see LA.CP.MP.31 Cosmetic and Reconstructive Procedures.

Policy/Criteria

~~I.~~ It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that up to four initial applications of skin and soft tissue substitutes/cellular and tissue-based products (CTPs) are **medically necessary** for diabetic lower extremity ulcers (including diabetic foot ulcers);⁵⁸ or venous leg ulcers; or full thickness skin loss ulcers (VLU) when all ~~of~~ the following criteria are met:

~~A.~~ Age \geq 18 years

I. Wound is chronic, defined as a, specific to the wound that does not respond to at least four weeks of standard for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested:

A. Request indicates the specific wound treatment as a component to which the skin substitute will be applied;

B. The wound is not infected and one of the following:

1. For patients with *diabetic lower extremity ulcers (including diabetic foot ulcers)*⁵⁸, documentation of ~~organized, comprehensive, conservative therapy~~; all the following:
 - a. Ulcer size of at least 1.0 square centimeter⁵⁸;
 - b. Ulcer has persisted for at least four weeks⁵⁸;
 - ~~a.c.~~ Lack of measurable signs of healing, ~~is~~ defined as a decrease in surface area and depth or a decreased amount of exudate and necrotic tissue, despite comprehensive standard of care for at least four weeks⁵⁸;
 - ~~d.~~ Wound characteristics and treatment plan are Diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes mellitus⁵⁸;
 - e. HbA1c \leq 9% within the last 90 days, or documented; and must include at least all plan to improve glycemic control to \leq 9%⁵⁸;
 - ~~b.f.~~ Evidence of adequate circulation to the affected extremity demonstrated by one or more of the following: ABI \geq 0.7, TBI \geq 0.5, TcPO₂ \geq 30 mmHg, or Doppler waveform analysis⁵⁸;
 - g. ~~1.~~ No untreated wound infection or underlying bone infection⁵⁸;
 - h. Ulcer does not extend to tendon, muscle, joint capsule, or bone or exhibit exposed sinus tracts unless the product indication for use allows application to such ulcers⁵⁸;
 - i. Assessment of type 1 or type 2 diabetes and management history with attention to certain comorbidities (e.g., vascular disease, neuropathy, osteomyelitis);
 - j. Review of current blood glucose levels/hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c);
 - k. Diet, nutritional status, and activity level;
 - l. Updated medication history, including review of pertinent medical problems diagnosed since the previous ulcer evaluation;
 - m. Physical exam assessing skin, ulcer, and vascular perfusion, as well as off-loading devices or use of appropriate footwear; 2. For patients with a VLU, documentation of all the following:
 - a. Failure to respond, despite compliance with SOC wound treatment for a minimum of four weeks, as noted in I.D.;
 - b. Assessment of clinical history (prior ulcers, body mass index, history of pulmonary embolism or superficial/deep venous thrombosis, number of pregnancies, and physical inactivity);
 - c. Updated medication history, including review of pertinent medical problems diagnosed since the previous ulcer evaluation;
 - d. Physical exam assessing for edema, skin changes and evaluation of vascular competence (including venous reflux and perforator incompetence) and venous thrombosis;
 - e. Documentation supporting the use of a firm strength compression garment (>20 mmHg) or multi-layered compressive dressing;
- C. Documentation that modifiable risk factors, such as diabetes, venous insufficiency, and neuropathy are being addressed adequately to improve likelihood of healing;
- D. Documentation of implemented SOC treatment plan demonstrating all the following:
1. Debridement as appropriate to a clean, granular base;
 2. Documented evidence of one of the following;
 - a. Offloading of weight for DFUs;

- ~~b. ——— 2. Smoking~~Sustained compression dressings for VLU;
- ~~3. Infection control, with removal of foreign body or nidus of infection, as applicable;~~
- ~~4. Management of exudate with maintenance of a moist environment;~~
- ~~1.5.~~The member/enrollee has received smoking cessation counseling and/or medicationspharmacologic support, if applicable;applicable⁵⁸.
- ~~2.6.~~3. Edema control, as applicable.⁵⁸
- ~~——— 4. Improvement in diabetes control and nutritional status; and~~
- ~~——— 5. Identification and treatment of other comorbidities that may affect wound healing such as ongoing monitoring for infection~~
- ~~B. Standard wound care has failed, evidenced by all of the following:~~
- ~~1. The ulcer or skin deficit has been treated with appropriate wound care measures, including debridement, standard dressings, compression, off-loading;~~
- ~~2. Wound area has reduced <50% in four weeks²⁰;~~
- ~~E. Documentation of effort to cease nicotine use, including from sources other than cigarettes, but excluding nicotine replacement therapy, for support failure to heal or stalled healing with SOC, as applicable, including all the following:~~
- ~~1. Measurements of the initial ulcer;~~
- ~~2. Pre-SOC ulcer measurements;~~
- ~~3. Weekly SOC ulcer measurements;~~
- ~~4. Post-completion SOC ulcer measurements following at least four weeks during conservative wound care and prior to planned bioengineeredof SOC treatment;~~
- ~~5. Other interventions, as applicable;~~
- ~~F. Request is for a skin substitute product that is FDA-labeled for the requested indication and is covered under the applicable Louisiana Medicaid (LDH) fee schedule⁵⁸.~~
- ~~G. Only one skin replacement therapy, and soft tissue substitute/CTP will be simultaneously in place per wound episode with the first skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP application beginning the episode of care.~~
- ~~**Note:** Product change within the wound episode is allowed, with up to four initially authorized applications, and total applications not to exceed 10 within a 12-week episode of care⁵⁸;~~
- ~~C.H. ——— The graft will be applied in a single layer without overlay of product or ne nicotine use~~adjacent skin and in compliance with the correct label application techniques for the skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP;
- ~~I. The following documentation requirements will be met for each application:~~
- ~~1. Graphic evidence of ulcer size, depth, and characteristics of the ulcer or photo documentation of the ulcer at baseline and follow-up with measurements of wound including size and depth;~~
- ~~2. A complete description of the procedure including product used (with identifying package label or National Drug Code [NDC] in the chart) and size of product used;~~
- ~~3. If multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound is utilized, with the least amount of wastage;~~
- ~~4. If a portion of a product is discarded, documentation includes all the following:~~
- ~~a. The amount administered and wasted;~~
- ~~b. The date, time, and amount of product wasted and the reason for the wastage.~~
- Note:**

- When a portion of a single use package must be discarded, payment will be made for the portion discarded along with the amount applied up to the amount of the product on the package label.
- All documentation must be maintained in the member/enrollee's medical record and made available upon request.

II. It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections® that continued treatment following initial applications and up to a maximum of 10 applications⁵⁸ within a 12-week⁵⁸ episode of care with skin and soft tissue substitutes/cellular and tissue-based products (CTPs) is **medically necessary** for *diabetic lower extremity ulcers (including diabetic foot ulcers)*⁵⁸ or *venous leg ulcers (VLU)* when all of the following criteria are met, specific to the wound for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested:

A. Request indicates the specific wound to which the skin substitute will be applied;

B. Request is for a skin substitute product that is FDA-labeled for the requested indication and is covered under the applicable Louisiana Medicaid (LDH) fee schedule.⁵⁸

C. Requested use complies with the requested product's labeled indications;

D. Documentation includes all the following:

1. Explanation of why continued treatment or additional applications are medically necessary for the specific member/enrollee's wound⁵⁸;

2. That the treatment plan has resulted in measurable wound improvement and there is an expectation that the wound will continue to heal with this plan⁵⁸;

3. Estimated time for extended treatment, number of additional applications anticipated, and plan of care if healing is not achieved as planned;

4. Modifiable risk factors, such as diabetes, venous insufficiency, and neuropathy, are being addressed adequately to improve likelihood of healing;

5. For venous leg ulcers, appropriate consultation and management for the diagnosis and stabilization of any venous-related disease;

6. Additional documentation from each prior application and all subsequent applications includes all the following:

a. A complete description of the procedure including product used (with identifying package label or NDC in the chart) and size of product used;

b. Graphic evidence of ulcer size, depth, and characteristics of the ulcer or photo documentation of the ulcer at baseline and follow-up with measurements of wound including size and depth;

c. The skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP is applied in a single layer without overlay of product or adjacent skin and in compliance with the correct label application techniques for the skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP;

d. When multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound with the least amount of wastage is utilized;

7. Continued treatment is supported by measurable improvement in wound size or depth. If there is no measurable decrease in surface area or depth after five applications, further applications are not medically necessary⁵⁸

E. Only one skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP will be simultaneously in place per wound episode with the first skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP application beginning the episode of care;

Note: Product change within the wound episode is allowed; total applications not to exceed the ten-application limit per wound per 12-week episode of care⁵⁸;

F. When a portion of a product was discarded, the medical record clearly demonstrates the amount administered and wasted, in addition to the date, time, amount of product wasted and the reason for the wastage.

Note:

- When a portion of a single-use package must be discarded, payment will be made for the portion discarded along with the amount applied up to the amount of the product on the package label.
- All documentation must be maintained in the member/enrollee's medical record and made available upon request.

D. It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that skin and soft tissue substitutes/Wound characteristics, all of the following:

III. Partial or CTPs for diabetic lower extremity ulcers (including diabetic foot ulcers) and venous leg ulcers (VLU) are **not medically necessary** for the following indications or scenarios:

A. Any usage not listed in section I. or II. of the policy;

B. Greater than 10 applications of a skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP within a 12-week episode of care)⁵⁸;

C. Repeat applications when there is no measurable decrease in surface area or depth after five applications.⁵⁸

D. The beneficiary has active Charcot deformity or major structural abnormalities of the foot when the ulcer is on the foot; active and untreated autoimmune connective tissue disease; known or suspected malignancy of the ulcer; is receiving radiation therapy or chemotherapy; or is receiving re-treatment of the same ulcer within one year⁵⁸;

E. Use of surgical preparation services (e.g., debridement), with routine, simple, or repeat skin replacement surgery with a skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP;

F. Use of liquid or gel skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP for ulcer care;

G. Placement of skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP on an infected, ischemic, or necrotic wound bed.

H. Concurrent use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy with skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP treatment.⁵⁸

IV. It is the policy of non-Medicare health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that burn treatment with skin and soft tissue substitutes/CTPs (including the procedure, product, service) is considered **medically necessary** when meeting all the following, specific to the wound for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested:

A. Request indicates the specific wound to which the skin substitute will be applied;

B. Sufficient autograft is not available at the time of excision or is not feasible due to the physiological condition of the member/enrollee;

C. No evidence of burn wound infection;

~~E.D. Burn is either deep partial-thickness or full-thickness ulcer with a clean, granular base;~~

~~1. No involvement of tendon, muscle, joint capsule, or exposed bone or sinus tracts, unless Integra[®] is used per U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines;~~

~~2. No wound infection; wound must be clean and free of necrotic debris or exudate;~~

~~3. Member/enrollee has adequate circulation/oxygenation to support tissue growth/wound healing, as evidenced by physical examination (e.g., Ankle-Brachial Index [ABI] of no less than 0.6 or toe pressure greater than 30 millimeters of mercury [mmHg]); Toe-brachial index (TBI) of at least 0.5; Triphasic or biphasic Doppler arterial waveforms at the ankle of the affected leg.~~

E. Documentation of all the following:

1. Modifiable risk factors for impaired wound healing are being addressed adequately to improve likelihood of healing;
2. Review of current blood glucose levels/hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), if member/enrollee has history of prediabetes or diabetes;
3. Diet, nutritional status, and activity level;
4. Updated medication history and review of pertinent medical problems diagnosed;
- 4.5. One of the following:
 5. Diabetic foot ulcer (DFU), and all of the following:
 - a. Hgb A1c of ≤ 9 or within the last 90 days or a documented plan to improve control; to HbA1c to 9% or below as soon as possible
 - a. b. Diagnosis of Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes and medical management for the condition;
 - b. Documented conservative wound care for \geq four weeks;
 - c. Wound is without evidence of osteomyelitis or nidus of infection;
 - d. Is at least 1.0 square centimeter (cm) in size
 6. Venous leg ulcers (VLU), all of the following:
 - a. A chronic, non-infected VLU has failed to respond to documented conservative wound care measures for \geq four weeks with documented compliance;
 - b. Completed assessment includes:
 - i. History (prior ulcers, thrombosis risks);
 - ii. Physical exam (edema, skin changes);
 - iii. ABI (Ankle Brachial Index) and duplex scan to confirm Clinical Etiology Anatomy Pathophysiology (*CEAP);
 - c. A venous duplex ultrasound has been completed to assess saphenous vein incompetency/venous reflux and contributory superficial ulcer bed perforators;
 7. Full thickness skin loss ulcer is the result of abscess, injury or trauma and has failed to respond to appropriate control of infection, foreign body, tumor resection, or other disease process for \geq four weeks;
- F. Requested use complies with FDA approved indications for the specific product, and requested applications do not to exceed 10 applications or treatments;
 - a. The member/enrollee is a non-smoker;
 - b. The member/enrollee has been counseled on the effect of smoking on wound healing and has completed, or is currently enrolled in, smoking cessation therapy;
- F. Treatment with any of the following skin replacement/substitutes:
 1. Allograft (human cadaver);
 2. Xenograft (porcine);
 3. Tissue-engineered skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP:
 - a. Biobrane[®] (A2043);
 - b. Biobrane[®] Glove (A2044);
 - c. Transcyte[®] (Q4182);
 - d. Integra[®] Wound Matrix (Q4108);
 - e. Integra[®] meshed Bilayer Wound Matrix (C9363);
 - f. Integra[®] bilayer matrix wound dressing (Q4104);
 - g. Integra[®] Dermal Regeneration Template (Q4105);
 - h. Suprathel (A2012);
 - i. Epicel[®] (C9399) if used per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Humanitarian Device Exemption (HDE);
- G. Only one skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP will be simultaneously in place per wound episode. Product change within the wound episode is allowed, not to exceed the 10 application limit per wound per 12 week episode of care;
- H. None of the following contraindications:

- ~~1. Inadequate control of underlying conditions or exacerbating factors (e.g., uncontrolled diabetes, active infection, and active Charcot arthropathy of the ulcer surface, vasculitis or continued nicotine use, including from sources other than cigarettes, but excluding nicotine replacement therapy, without physician attempt to affect nicotine use);~~
- ~~2. Known hypersensitivity to any component of the specific with the first skin substitute graft (e.g., allergy to avian, bovine, porcine, equine products);~~
- ~~3. Partial thickness loss with the retention of epithelial appendages (epithelium will repopulate the deficit).~~
- ~~4. Active and untreated autoimmune connective tissue disease;~~
- ~~5. Known or suspected malignancy of the ulcer;~~
- ~~6. Member/enrollee is receiving radiation therapy or chemotherapy~~
- ~~7. Re-treatment of the same ulcer within one year~~
- ~~8. While providers may change products used for the diabetic lower extremity ulcers, simultaneous use of more than one product for the diabetic lower extremity ulcers is not covered~~

~~● **Note:** Treatment of any chronic skin wound will typically last no more than 12 weeks and =~~

~~**H. It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that skin and soft tissue substitutes are not medically necessary** for the following indications or scenarios:~~

~~A. Pressure (decubitus) ulcer treatment;~~

~~G. Continued skin or soft tissue substitute use after treatment failure, which is defined as the repeat or alternative/CTP application beginning the episode of care;~~

~~H. The graft will be applied in a single layer without overlay of product or adjacent skin and in compliance with the correct label application course (of up to 12 weeks) of techniques for the skin and soft tissue substitute grafts within one year/CTP;~~

~~I. The following documentation requirements will be met for each application:~~

~~1. Graphic evidence of any given course wound size, depth, and characteristics of the wound or photo documentation of the wound at baseline and follow-up with measurements of wound including size and depth;~~

~~2. A complete description of the procedure including product used (with identifying package label or National Drug Code [NDC] in the chart) and size of product used;~~

~~3. If multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound is utilized, with the least amount of wastage;~~

~~4. If a portion of a product is discarded, documentation includes all the following:~~

~~a. The amount administered and wasted;~~

~~b. The date, time, and amount of product wasted and the reason for the wastage.~~

~~**Note:**~~

~~● When a portion of a single use package must be discarded, payment will be made for the portion discarded along with the amount applied up to the amount of the product on the package label.~~

~~● All documentation must be maintained in the member/enrollee's medical record and made available upon request.~~

~~**V. It is the policy of non-Medicare health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that skin and soft tissue substitutes/CTPs for breast reconstruction are considered medically necessary** when meeting all of the following, specific to the wound for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested:~~

~~A. Request indicates the specific wound to which the skin substitute will be applied;~~

~~B. Post-mastectomy breast reconstruction;~~

~~C. No evidence of wound infection;~~

D. Documentation of all the following:

1. Modifiable risk factors for impaired wound healing are being addressed adequately to improve likelihood of healing;
2. Review of current blood glucose levels/hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), if member/enrollee has history of prediabetes or diabetes;
3. Diet, nutritional status, and activity level;
4. Updated medication history and review of pertinent medical problems diagnosed;
5. One of the following:
 - a. The member/enrollee is a non-smoker;
 - b. The member/enrollee has been counseled on the effect of smoking on wound healing and has completed, or is currently enrolled in, smoking cessation therapy;

E. Treatment with any of the following skin and soft tissue substitutes/CTPs:

1. AlloDerm® (Q4116);
2. Cortiva® (Q4433);
3. DermaCell® (Q4122);
4. FlexHD or AllopatchHD (Q4128);

F. Only one skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP will be simultaneously in place per wound episode with the first skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP application beginning the episode of care;

G. The graft will be applied in a single layer without overlay of product or adjacent skin in compliance with the correct label application techniques for the skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP;

H. The following documentation requirements will be met for each application:

1. Graphic evidence of wound size, depth, and characteristics of the wound or photo documentation of the wound at baseline and follow-up with measurements of wound including size and depth;
2. A complete description of the procedure including product used (with identifying package label or National Drug Code [NDC] in the chart) and size of product used;
3. If multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound is utilized, with the least amount of wastage;
4. If a portion of a product is discarded, documentation includes all the following:
 - a. The amount administered and wasted;
 - b. The date, time, and amount of product wasted and the reason for the wastage.

Note:

- When a portion of a single use package must be discarded, payment will be made for the portion discarded along with the amount applied up to the amount of the product on the package label.
- All documentation must be maintained in the member/enrollee's medical record and made available upon request.

VI. It is the policy of non-Medicare health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that OrCel™ is **medically necessary** as treatment for a venous leg ulcer or diabetic foot ulcer; If mitten hand deformities due to *dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa* when meeting all the following, specific to the wound for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested:

A. Request indicates the specific wound to which the skin substitute will be applied;

B. Used according to FDA HDE;

C. No evidence of wound infection;

D. Documentation of all of the following:

1. Modifiable risk factors for impaired wound healing are being addressed adequately to improve likelihood of healing;

2. Review of current blood glucose levels/hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), if member/enrollee has history of prediabetes or diabetes;
 3. Diet, nutritional status, and activity level;
 4. Updated medication history and review of pertinent medical problems diagnosed;
 5. One of the following:
 - a. The member/enrollee is a non-smoker;
 - b. The member/enrollee has been counseled on the effect of smoking on wound healing and has completed, or is currently enrolled in, smoking cessation therapy;
- E. Only one skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP will be simultaneously in place per wound episode with the first skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP application beginning the episode of care;
- F. The following documentation requirements will be met for each application:
1. Graphic evidence of wound size, depth, and characteristics of the wound or photo documentation of the wound at baseline and follow-up with measurements of wound including size and depth;
 2. A complete description of the procedure including product used (with identifying package label or National Drug Code [NDC] in the chart) and size of product used;
 3. If multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound is utilized, with the least amount of wastage;
 4. If a portion of a product is discarded, documentation includes all the following:
 - a. The amount administered and wasted;
 - b. The date, time, and amount of product wasted and the reason for the wastage.

Note:

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- All documentation must be maintained in the member/enrollee's medical record and made available upon request.

VII. It is the policy of non-Medicare health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that skin and soft tissue substitutes/CTPs for *post-reconstruction surgery of abdominal wall wounds* are considered **medically necessary** when meeting all the following, specific to the wound for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested:

- A. Request indicates the specific wound to which the skin substitute will be applied;
- B. Repair of hernias or for surgical repair of complex abdominal wall wounds;
- C. No evidence of wound infection;
- D. Documentation of all the following:
 1. Modifiable risk factors for impaired wound healing are being addressed adequately to improve likelihood of healing;
 2. Review of current blood glucose levels/hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), if member/enrollee has history of prediabetes or diabetes;
 3. Diet, nutritional status, and activity level;
 4. Updated medication history and review of pertinent medical problems diagnosed;
 5. One of the following:
 - a. The member/enrollee is a non-smoker;
 - b. The member/enrollee has been counseled on the effect of smoking on wound healing and has completed, or is currently enrolled in, smoking cessation therapy;
- E. Treatment with any of the following skin and soft tissue substitutes/CTPs:
 1. Alloderm (Q4116);
 2. Phasix ST (C1781);
 3. Strattice (Q4130);

- F. Only one skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP will be simultaneously in place per wound episode with the first skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP application beginning the episode of care;
- G. The graft will be applied in a single layer without overlay of product or adjacent skin in compliance with the correct label application techniques for the skin and soft tissue substitute/CTP;
- H. The following documentation requirements will be met for each application:
1. Graphic evidence of wound size, depth, and characteristics of the wound or photo documentation of the wound at baseline and follow-up with measurements of wound including size and depth;
 2. A complete description of the procedure including product used (with identifying package label or National Drug Code [NDC] in the chart) and size of product used;
 3. If multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound is utilized, with the least amount of wastage;
 4. If a portion of a product is discarded, documentation includes all the following:
 - a. The amount administered and wasted;
 - b. The date, time, and amount of product wasted and the reason for the wastage.

Note:

- When a portion of a single use package must be discarded, payment will be made for the portion discarded along with the amount applied up to the amount of the product on the package label.
- All documentation must be maintained in the member/enrollee's medical record and made available upon request.

VIII. It is the policy of non-Medicare health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that skin and soft tissue substitutes/CTPs for any indication listed in sections IV to VII above are considered **not medically necessary** for any of the following:

- A. Treatment longer than twelve weeks;
- B. Repeat applications when there is no measurable decrease in surface area or depth after five applications, then further applications are not covered applications⁵⁸;
- C. Retreatment of healed ulcers (wounds is not medically necessary unless clinically indicated and consistent with LDH coverage requirements.⁵⁸
- D. Re-treatment within one year of any given course of skin substitute treatment for the same wound.

IX. It is the policy of non-Medicare health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation that **current evidence does not support** the use of skin and soft tissue substitutes/cellular and tissue-based products (CTPs) for either of the following:

- C.A. Indications other than those showing greater than 75% size reduction and smaller than 1 square cm), listed as medically necessary above, including but not limited to, pressure ulcers;
- B. Skin substitute products that are not covered under the applicable LDH fee schedule or do not meet medical necessity criteria are not medically necessary.⁵⁸

Note: Please see HCPCS Code Table 3 for a list of products not considered medically necessary for any indication (not all-inclusive).

Background

Standard care for lower extremity wounds and ulcers includes infection control, management of edema, mechanical offloading of the affected limb, mechanical compression, limb elevation, debridement of necrotic tissue, management of systemic disease and counseling on the risk of continued tobacco use. Additionally, maintenance of a therapeutic wound environment with appropriate dressings can facilitate development of healthy granulation tissue and re-epithelialization. Dressings are essential to wound

management because the appropriate dressing not only maintains the moisture balance within the wound, but the dressing also controls exudate, which protects the wound from additional trauma.¹⁻⁸

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), define a chronic wound as a wound A wound that is physiologically impaired due to a disruption of the wound healing cycle because of impaired angiogenesis, innervation, or cellular migration, or other deficits for 4 weeks or longer. Even with advancements in standard wound care and synthetic occlusive dressings, some ulcers fail to heal and may benefit from a skin substitute.¹⁻⁸ The United Kingdom's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommends consideration of dermal or skin substitutes as an adjunct to standard care when treating diabetic wounds that are not healing.²⁹ Skin substitutes promote wound healing by replacing extracellular matrix.²⁰ Skin substitutes are categorized based on the composition of epidermal, dermal, and composite skin present.²⁰ They are heterogeneous and can be largely separated into two primary categories: cellular (comprised of living cells); or acellular (composed of synthetic materials or tissue from which living cells have been removed).^{21,22} The categories are further split based on composition and source of material, including xenograft, acellular allograft, cellular allograft, autograft and synthetic skin substitute choices.²⁰ Allografts, which use skin from another human (e.g., cadaver), and xenografts, which use skin from another species (e.g., porcine or bovine), may also be employed as temporary skin replacements. However, they are contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the specific skin substitute graft (e.g., allergy to avian, bovine, porcine, equine products) and must later be replaced by an autograft or the ingrowth of the patient's own skin.¹⁻³

Diabetic Foot Ulcers (DFUs) and Venous Leg Ulcers (VLUs)

For a VLU, an evaluation for the presence of saphenous vein reflux is essential prior to consideration of skin substitutes. If there is significant saphenous vein incompetency and reflux (valve closure time defined as > 500 milliseconds), or if ulcer bed veins are identified as contributory on ultrasound, a referral to a vascular surgeon or interventional radiologist is required. Endovascular laser or radiofrequency ablation can enhance rates of healing compared to other treatments for significant saphenous vein reflux. Without significant reflux, sclerotherapy may also be more beneficial.¹⁷

According to a 2016 Cochrane review, the overall therapeutic outcome of skin grafts and tissue replacements used with standard wound care demonstrated an increase in the healing rate of foot ulcers and slightly fewer amputations in patients with diabetes compared with standard wound care alone.²³ The Wound Healing Society updated their guidelines in 2016, indicating that cellular and acellular skin equivalents positively affect healing in diabetic ulcers by “releasing therapeutic amounts of growth factors, cytokines, and other proteins that stimulate the wound bed.”²⁴ A health technology assessment of skin substitutes conducted for adults with neuropathic diabetic foot ulcers and venous leg ulcers found that adults with difficult to heal neuropathic diabetic ulcers and difficult to heal venous leg ulcers who used skin substitutes were more likely to experience complete wound healing than those who used standard care alone.²⁷ A systematic review of 17 trials using several skin substitutes to treat diabetic foot ulcers noted that completed closure of diabetic ulcers was significantly improved when compared to standard care alone.²⁶

Outlined in a 2020 technical brief prepared for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) are the various products commercially available in the United States that may be considered skin substitutes and identifies and assesses the clinical literature evaluating skin substitutes and their efficacy. Synder et al. (2020) conducted a systematic review of the published literature, grey literature and scientific packets received from manufacturers. The authors searched for systematic reviews/meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials (RCTs), and prospective nonrandomized comparative studies

examining commercially available skin substitutes. The authors identified 76 commercially available skin substitutes and categorized them based on the Davison-Kotler classification system. Sixty-eight (89.68%) were categorized as acellular dermal substitutes, mostly replacements from human placental membranes and animal tissue sources. Three systematic reviews and 22 RCTs examined use of 16 distinct skin substitutes, including acellular dermal substitutes, cellular dermal substitutes, and cellular epidermal and dermal substitutes in diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, and venous leg ulcers. Of the 22 included RCTs, 16 studies compared a skin substitute with standard of care (e.g., debridement, glucose control, compression bandages for venous leg ulcers, daily dressing changes with moisture-retentive dressing, such as an alginate or hydrocolloid). Twenty-one ongoing clinical trials (all RCTs) examined an additional nine skin substitutes with similar classifications. The authors found that the studies rarely reported clinical outcomes, such as amputation, wound recurrence at least two weeks after treatment ended, or patient-related outcomes, such as return to function, pain, exudate, and odor. The authors concluded that there is a lack of studies examining the efficacy of most skin substitute products and the need for better-designed and -reported studies providing more clinically relevant data. Before findings can be relied upon, more data are needed on hospitalization, pain reduction, need for amputation, exudate and odor control, and return to baseline activities of daily living and function.¹⁹

Burns^{20,23}

A burn is defined as a traumatic injury to the skin or other organic tissue primarily caused by heat or exposure to electrical discharge, friction, chemicals, and radiation. Burns are classified in terms of degrees. First-degree burns, also called superficial partial thickness, only involve the outer layer of skin, the epidermis. These burns are red and painful but remain dry and without blisters. First-degree burns typically heal within about one week. Second degree, or partial thickness burns, extend deeper into the dermis, include blisters, and have a wet appearance. Second-degree burns are extremely painful and can take two to three weeks to heal. Third-degree, or full thickness, burns have a white or leathery appearance and are dry to the touch. These burns are often without sensation due to nerve damage. They extend the full depth of the skin. Skin grafts are typically required for healing third-degree burns. The most severe burns are called fourth-degree or are classified as with extension to deep tissues. These burns will extend to the muscles, tendons, and/or bone. Skin grafting and even more intensive surgeries or amputations may be required for healing.

Breast Reconstruction²⁹⁻³⁵

Reconstructive surgery is performed to restore and improve function and correct any deformities or abnormal structures of the body that have been caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors or disease. Reconstructive breast surgery is designed to restore the normal appearance of a breast after a medically necessary mastectomy for breast cancer or other medical condition, injury or congenital abnormality, or unilateral hypertrophy resulting in symptoms following contralateral mastectomy.

Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (DEB)^{41,42}

Inherited epidermolysis bullosa is a group of rare genetic disorders characterized by skin fragility and mechanically induced blistering. It comprises of four main types: epidermolysis bullosa simplex, junctional epidermolysis bullosa, dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa, and Kindler syndrome. Skin blistering on sites of mechanical trauma is the main clinical feature of epidermolysis bullosa. Blisters may be superficial, or they may be more profound and lead to ulcerations. Blisters may be generalized, disseminated to different body sites, or localized to the extremities.

In 2001, OrCel was approved under a Humanitarian Device Exception (HDE) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in individuals with mitten hand deformities due to recessive DEB as

an adjunct to standard autograft procedures for covering wounds and donor sites created after surgical release of hand contractures.

Post-Reconstruction Surgery of Abdominal Wall Wounds^{45,53-57}

A hernia occurs when internal organs or tissues bulge outwards through a weak spot in the abdominal wall muscles. Abdominal wall hernias are generally classified by location or etiology, such as ventral hernias, groin hernias, and incisional hernias. Hernia management and treatment is dependent on a multitude of factors, with specific hernia sites requiring distinctive management.

Coding Implications

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NOTE: Coverage is subject to each requested code’s inclusion on the corresponding LDH fee schedule. Non-covered codes are denoted (*) and are reviewed for Medical Necessity for members under 21 years of age on a per case basis.

CPT Code Table 1: Procedure codes that support medical necessity criteria

CPT Codes	Description
15271	Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; first 25 sq cm or less wound surface area
15272	Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; each additional 25 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
15273	Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; first 100 sq cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children
15274	Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
15275	Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; first 25 sq cm or less wound surface area
15276	Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; each additional 25 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
15277	Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; first 100 sq cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children

CPT Codes	Description
15278	Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

HCPCS Code Table 1: HCPCS codes that support medical necessity criteria

HCPCS Codes	Description
A2001*	InnovaMatrix AC, per sq cm
A2002*	Mirragen Advanced Wound Matrix, per sq cm
A2004*	XCelliStem, per sq cm
A2008*	TheraGenesis, per sq cm
Q4100*	Skin substitute, not otherwise specified
Q4101	Apligraf, per sq cm
Q4102*	Oasis wound matrix, per sq cm
Q4103*	Oasis burn matrix, per sq cm
Q4104*	Integra bilayer matrix wound dressing (BMWD), per sq cm
Q4105*	Integra dermal regeneration template (DRT) or Integra Omnigraft dermal regeneration matrix, per sq cm
Q4106	Dermagraft, per sq cm
Q4107*	Graftjacket, per sq cm
Q4108*	Integra matrix, per sq cm
Q4110*	Primatrix, per sq cm
Q4111*	Gammagraft, per sq cm
Q4115*	Alloskin, per sq cm
Q4117*	Hyalomatrix, per sq cm
Q4118*	Matristem micromatrix, 1mg
Q4121	TheraSkin, per sq cm
Q4122*	DermACELL, DermACELL AWM or DermACELL AWM Porous, per sq cm
Q4123*	AlloSkin RT, per sq cm
Q4124*	Oasis ultra tri-layer wound matrix, per sq cm
Q4126*	MemoDerm, DermaSpan, TranZgraft or InteguPly, per sq cm
Q4127*	Talymed, per sq cm
Q4128*	FlexHD, or AllopatchHD, per sq cm
Q4132*	Grafix Core and GrafixPL Core, per sq cm
Q4133*	Grafix PRIME, GrafixPL PRIME, Stravix and StravixPL, per sq cm
Q4134*	Hmatrix, per sq cm
Q4135*	Mediskin, per sq cm
Q4136*	E-Z Derm, per sq cm
Q4137*	Amnioexcel, amnioexcel plus or biodexeel, per sq cm
Q4140*	BioDFence, per sq cm
Q4141*	Alloskin AC, per sq cm
Q4146*	Tensix, per sq cm
Q4147*	Architect, Architect PX, or Architect FX, extracellular matrix, per sq cm

HCPCS Codes	Description
Q4148*	Neox Cord 1K, Neox Cord RT, or Clarix Cord 1K, per sq cm
Q4151*	AmnioBand or Guardian, per sq cm
Q4152*	DermaPure, per sq cm
Q4153*	Dermavest and Plurivest, per sq cm
Q4154*	Biovance, per sq cm
Q4156*	Neox 100 or Clarix 100, per sq cm
Q4157*	Revitalon, per sq cm
Q4158*	Kerecis Omega3, per sq cm
Q4159*	Affinity, per sq cm
Q4160	Nushield, per sq cm
Q4161*	bio-ConneKt wound matrix, per sq cm
Q4163*	Woundex, bioskin, per sq cm
Q4164*	Helicoll, per square cm
Q4165*	Keramatrix or Kerasorb, per sq cm
Q4166*	Cytal, per square centimeter
Q4169*	Artacent wound, per sq cm
Q4170*	Cygnus, per sq cm
Q4173*	Palingen or Palingen Xplus, per sq cm
Q4175*	Miroderm, per sq cm
Q4176*	Neopatch or therion, per sq cm
Q4178*	FlowerAmnioPatch, per sq cm
Q4180*	Revita, per sq cm
Q4186	Epifix, per sq cm
Q4187*	Epicord, per sq cm
Q4188*	AmnioArmor, per sq cm
Q4195	PuraPly, per square cm
Q4196	PuraPly AM, per square cm
Q4197*	Puraply XT, per square cm
Q4201*	Matrion, per sq cm
Q4203*	Derma-Gide, per sq cm
Q4232*	Corplex, per sq cm
Q4236*	carePATCH, per sq cm
Q4253*	Zenith amniotic membrane, per sq cm
Q4254*	Novafix DL, per sq cm
G0681	<u>Application of a premarket approval (PMA), 510(k), 361 human cells, tissues or cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/P) nonsheet form skin substitute for a wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; first 25 sq cm or less of wound surface area</u>
G0682	<u>Application of a premarket approval (PMA), 510(k), 361 human cells, tissues or cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/P) nonsheet form skin substitute for a wound surface area up to 100 sq cm; each additional 25 sq cm wound surface area, or part thereof</u>
G0683	<u>Application of a premarket approval (PMA), 510(k), 361 human cells, tissues or cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/P) nonsheet form skin substitute graft for a wound surface greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; first 100 sq cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children</u>
G0684	<u>Application of a premarket approval (PMA), 510(k), 361 human cells, tissues or</u>

HCPCS Codes	Description
	<u>cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/P) nonsheet form skin substitute graft for a wound surface greater than or equal to 100 sq cm; each additional 100 sq cm wound surface area or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children, or part thereof</u>

HCPCS Code Table 2: HCPCS codes that support medical necessity criteria

HCPCS Codes	Description
<u>A2012</u>	<u>SUPRATHEL, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2019</u>	<u>Kerecis Omega3 MariGen Shield, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2043</u>	<u>BIOBRANE, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2044</u>	<u>BIOBRANE Glove, each</u>
<u>A4100**</u>	<u>Nonsheet form skin substitute, FDA-cleared as a device, not otherwise specified [OrCel]</u>
<u>C1781**</u>	<u>Mesh (implantable) [Phasix ST or Alloderm]</u>
<u>C9363</u>	<u>Skin substitute (Integra Meshed Bilayer Wound Matrix), per sq cm</u>
<u>C9399**</u>	<u>Unclassified drugs or biologicals [Epicel]</u>
<u>Q4101</u>	<u>Apligraf, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4102</u>	<u>Oasis wound matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4104</u>	<u>Integra bilayer matrix wound dressing (BMWD), per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4105</u>	<u>Integra dermal regeneration template (DRT) or Integra Omnigraft dermal regeneration matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4107</u>	<u>Graftjacket, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4108</u>	<u>Integra matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4116</u>	<u>AlloDerm, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4121</u>	<u>TheraSkin, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4122</u>	<u>DermACELL, DermACELL AWM or DermACELL AWM Porous, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4128</u>	<u>FlexHD, or AllopatchHD, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4130</u>	<u>Strattice, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4132</u>	<u>Grafix Core and GrafixPL Core, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4133</u>	<u>Grafix PRIME, GrafixPL PRIME, Stravix and StravixPL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4158</u>	<u>Kerecis Omega3, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4182</u>	<u>TransCyte, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4186</u>	<u>Epifix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4431**</u>	<u>PMA skin substitute product, not otherwise specified [Dermagraft]</u>
<u>Q4433**</u>	<u>361 HCT/P skin substitute product, not otherwise specified [Allomax/Cortiva]</u>

****Note:** The product must be specified as noted in the table.

HCPCS Code Table 3: HCPCS codes that do not support medical necessity criteria for any indication

HCPCS Codes	Description
<u>A2001</u>	<u>InnovaMatrix AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2002</u>	<u>Mirragen Advanced Wound Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2004</u>	<u>XCelliStem, 1 mg</u>
<u>A2005</u>	<u>Microlyte Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2006</u>	<u>NovoSorb SynPath dermal matrix, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>A2007</u>	<u>Restrata, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2008</u>	<u>TheraGenesis, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2009</u>	<u>Symphony, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2010</u>	<u>Apis, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2011</u>	<u>Supra SDRM, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2013</u>	<u>Innovamatrix FS, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2014</u>	<u>Omeza Collagen Matrix, per 100 mg</u>
<u>A2015</u>	<u>Phoenix Wound Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2016</u>	<u>PermeaDerm B, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2017</u>	<u>PermeaDerm Glove, each</u>
<u>A2018</u>	<u>PermeaDerm C, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2020</u>	<u>AC5 Advanced Wound System (AC5)</u>
<u>A2021</u>	<u>NeoMatriX, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2022</u>	<u>InnovaBurn or InnovaMatrix XL, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2023</u>	<u>InnovaMatrix PD, 1 mg</u>
<u>A2024</u>	<u>Resolve Matrix or XenoPatch, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2025</u>	<u>Miro3D, per cu cm</u>
<u>A2026</u>	<u>Restrata MiniMatrix, 5 mg</u>
<u>A2027</u>	<u>MatriDerm, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2028</u>	<u>MicroMatrix Flex, per mg</u>
<u>A2029</u>	<u>MiroTract Wound Matrix Sheet, per cc</u>
<u>A2030</u>	<u>Miro3D fibers, per mg</u>
<u>A2031</u>	<u>MiroDry Wound Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2032</u>	<u>Myriad Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2033</u>	<u>Myriad Morcells, 4 mg</u>
<u>A2034</u>	<u>Foundation DRS Solo, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2035</u>	<u>Corplex P or Theracor P or Allacor P, per mg</u>
<u>A2036</u>	<u>Cohealyx Collagen Dermal Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2037</u>	<u>G4Derm Plus, per ml</u>
<u>A2038</u>	<u>MariGen Pacto, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2039</u>	<u>InnovaMatrix FD, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2040</u>	<u>Microlyte PainGuard, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2041</u>	<u>Foundation DRS+ Duo, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2042</u>	<u>Foundation DRS+ Solo, per sq cm</u>
<u>A2045</u>	<u>NovaShield or NovoGen Wound Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>A4175</u>	<u>Miroderm, per sq cm</u>
<u>C8002</u>	<u>Preparation of skin cell suspension autograft, automated, including all enzymatic processing and device components</u>
<u>C9250</u>	<u>Human plasma fibrin sealant, vapor-heated, solvent-detergent (Artiss), 2 ml</u>
<u>C9358</u>	<u>Dermal substitute, native, nondenatured collagen, fetal bovine origin (SurgiMend Collagen Matrix), per 0.5 sq cm</u>
<u>C9360</u>	<u>Dermal substitute, native, nondenatured collagen, neonatal bovine origin (SurgiMend Collagen Matrix), per 0.5 sq cm</u>
<u>C9364</u>	<u>Porcine implant, Permacol, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Q4103</u>	<u>Oasis burn matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4111</u>	<u>GammaGraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4112</u>	<u>Cymetra, injectable, 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4113</u>	<u>GRAFTJACKET XPRESS, injectable, 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4114</u>	<u>Integra flowable wound matrix, injectable, 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4115</u>	<u>AlloSkin, per square centimeter</u>
<u>Q4117</u>	<u>HYALOMATRIX, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4118</u>	<u>MatriStem micromatrix, 1 mg</u>
<u>Q4123</u>	<u>AlloSkin RT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4124</u>	<u>Oasis ultra tri-layer wound matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4125</u>	<u>ArthroFlex, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4126</u>	<u>MemoDerm, DermaSpan, TranZgraft or Integuply, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4127</u>	<u>Talymed, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4134</u>	<u>Hmatrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4135</u>	<u>Mediskin, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4136</u>	<u>EZ Derm, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4137</u>	<u>AmnioExcel, AmnioExcel Plus or BioDExcel, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4138</u>	<u>BioDFence DryFlex, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4139</u>	<u>AmnioMatrix or BioDMatrix, injectable, 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4140</u>	<u>BioDFence, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4141</u>	<u>AlloSkin AC, per square centimeter</u>
<u>Q4142</u>	<u>XCM biologic tissue matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4143</u>	<u>Repriza, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4145</u>	<u>EpiFix, injectable, 1 mg</u>
<u>Q4146</u>	<u>Tensix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4147</u>	<u>Architect, Architect PX, or Architect FX, extracellular matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4148</u>	<u>Neox Cord 1K, Neox Cord RT, or Clarix Cord 1K, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4149</u>	<u>Excellagen, 0.1 cc</u>
<u>Q4150</u>	<u>AlloWrap DS or dry, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4151</u>	<u>AmnioBand or Guardian, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4152</u>	<u>DermaPure, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4153</u>	<u>Dermavest and Plurivest, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4154</u>	<u>Biovance, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4155</u>	<u>Neox Flo or Clarix Flo 1 mg</u>
<u>Q4156</u>	<u>Neox 100 or Clarix 100, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4157</u>	<u>Revitalon, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4159</u>	<u>Affinity, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4160</u>	<u>NuShield, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4161</u>	<u>Bio-connekt wound matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4162</u>	<u>WoundEx Flow, BioSkin Flow, 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4163</u>	<u>Woundex, bioskin, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4164</u>	<u>Helicoll, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4165</u>	<u>Keramatrix or Kerasorb, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4166</u>	<u>Cytal, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Q4167</u>	<u>Truskin, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4168</u>	<u>AmnioBand, 1 mg</u>
<u>Q4169</u>	<u>Artacent wound, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4170</u>	<u>Cygnus, per square centimeter</u>
<u>Q4171</u>	<u>Interfyl, 1 mg</u>
<u>Q4173</u>	<u>PalinGen or PalinGen XPlus, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4174</u>	<u>PalinGen or ProMatrX, 0.36 mg per 0.25 cc</u>
<u>Q4175</u>	<u>Miroderm, per square centimeter</u>
<u>Q4176</u>	<u>Neopatch or therion, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4177</u>	<u>FlowerAmnioFlo, 0.1 cc</u>
<u>Q4178</u>	<u>FlowerAmnioPatch, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4179</u>	<u>FlowerDerm, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4180</u>	<u>Revita, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4181</u>	<u>Amnio Wound, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4183</u>	<u>surgiGRAFT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4184</u>	<u>Cellesta or Cellesta Duo, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4185</u>	<u>Cellesta Flowable Amnion (25 mg per cc); per 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4187</u>	<u>Epicord, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4189</u>	<u>Artacent AC, 1 mg</u>
<u>Q4190</u>	<u>Artacent AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4191</u>	<u>Restorigin, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4192</u>	<u>Restorigin, 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4193</u>	<u>Coll-e-Derm, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4194</u>	<u>Novachor, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4195</u>	<u>PuraPly, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4196</u>	<u>PuraPly AM, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4197</u>	<u>PuraPly XT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4198</u>	<u>Genesis Amniotic Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4199</u>	<u>Cygnus matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4200</u>	<u>SkinTE, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4201</u>	<u>Matrion, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4202</u>	<u>Keroxx (2.5 g/cc), 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4203</u>	<u>Derma-Gide, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4204</u>	<u>XWRAP, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4205</u>	<u>Membrane Graft or Membrane Wrap, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4206</u>	<u>Fluid Flow or Fluid GF, 1 cc</u>
<u>Q4208</u>	<u>Novafix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4209</u>	<u>SurGraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4211</u>	<u>Amnion Bio or AxoBioMembrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4212</u>	<u>AlloGen, per cc</u>
<u>Q4214</u>	<u>Cellesta Cord, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4215</u>	<u>Axolotl Ambient or Axolotl Cryo, 0.1 mg</u>
<u>Q4216</u>	<u>Artacent Cord, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Q4217</u>	<u>WoundFix, BioWound, WoundFix Plus, BioWound Plus, WoundFix Xplus or BioWound Xplus, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4218</u>	<u>SurgiCORD, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4219</u>	<u>SurgiGRAFT-DUAL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4220</u>	<u>BellaCell HD or Surederm, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4221</u>	<u>Amnio Wrap2, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4222</u>	<u>ProgenaMatrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4224</u>	<u>Human Health Factor 10 Amniotic Patch (HHF10-P), per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4225</u>	<u>AmnioBind or DermaBind TL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4226</u>	<u>MyOwn Skin, includes harvesting and preparation procedures, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4227</u>	<u>AmnioCore TM, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4229</u>	<u>Cogenex Amniotic Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4230</u>	<u>Cogenex Flowable Amnion, per 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4232</u>	<u>Corplex, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4233</u>	<u>SurFactor or NuDyn, per 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4234</u>	<u>Xcellerate, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4235</u>	<u>AMNIOREPAIR or AltiPly, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4236</u>	<u>carePATCH, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4237</u>	<u>Cryo-Cord, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4238</u>	<u>Derm-Maxx, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4239</u>	<u>Amnio-Maxx or Amnio-Maxx Lite, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4240</u>	<u>CoreCyte, for topical use only, per 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4241</u>	<u>PolyCyte, for topical use only, per 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4242</u>	<u>AmnioCyte Plus, per 0.5 cc</u>
<u>Q4245</u>	<u>AmnioText, per cc</u>
<u>Q4246</u>	<u>CoreText or ProText, per cc</u>
<u>Q4247</u>	<u>Amniotext patch, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4248</u>	<u>Dermacyte Amniotic Membrane Allograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4249</u>	<u>AMNIPLY, for topical use only, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4250</u>	<u>AmnioAmp-MP, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4251</u>	<u>Vim, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4252</u>	<u>Vendaje, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4253</u>	<u>Zenith Amniotic Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4254</u>	<u>Novafix DL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4255</u>	<u>REGUaRD, for topical use only, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4256</u>	<u>MLG-Complete, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4257</u>	<u>Relese, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4258</u>	<u>Enverse, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4259</u>	<u>Celera Dual Layer or Celera Dual Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4260</u>	<u>Signature Apatch, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4261</u>	<u>TAG, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4262</u>	<u>Dual Layer Impax Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4278*Q4263</u>	<u>EPIEFFECTSUrGraft TL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4264</u>	<u>Cocoon Membrane, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Q4265</u>	<u>NeoStim TL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4266</u>	<u>NeoStim Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4267</u>	<u>NeoStim DL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4268</u>	<u>SurGraft FT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4269</u>	<u>SurGraft XT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4270</u>	<u>Complete SL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4271</u>	<u>Complete FT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4272</u>	<u>Esano A, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4273</u>	<u>Esano AAA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4274</u>	<u>Esano AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4275</u>	<u>Esano ACA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4276</u>	<u>ORION, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4278</u>	<u>EPIEFFECT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4279</u>	<u>Vendaje AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4280</u>	<u>Xcell Amnio Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4281</u>	<u>Barrera SL or Barrera DL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4282</u>	<u>Cygnus Dual, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4283</u>	<u>Biovance Tri-Layer or Biovance 3L, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4284</u>	<u>DermaBind SL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4285</u>	<u>NuDYN DL or NuDYN DL MESH, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4286</u>	<u>NuDYN SL or NuDYN SLW, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4287</u>	<u>DermaBind DL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4288</u>	<u>DermaBind CH, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4289</u>	<u>RevoShield+ Amniotic Barrier, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4290</u>	<u>Membrane Wrap-Hydro, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4291</u>	<u>Lamellas XT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4292</u>	<u>Lamellas, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4293</u>	<u>Acesso DL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4294</u>	<u>Amnio Quad-Core, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4295</u>	<u>Amnio Tri-Core Amniotic, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4296</u>	<u>Rebound Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4297</u>	<u>Emerge Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4298</u>	<u>AmniCore Pro, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4299</u>	<u>AmniCore Pro+, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4300</u>	<u>Acesso TL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4301</u>	<u>Activate Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4302</u>	<u>Complete ACA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4303</u>	<u>Complete AA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4304</u>	<u>GRAFIX PLUS, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4305</u>	<u>American Amnion AC Tri-Layer, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4306</u>	<u>American Amnion AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4307</u>	<u>American Amnion, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4308</u>	<u>Sanopellis, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4309</u>	<u>VIA Matrix, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Q4310</u>	<u>Procenta, per 100 mg</u>
<u>Q4311</u>	<u>Acesso, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4312</u>	<u>Acesso AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4313</u>	<u>Dermabind Fm, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4314</u>	<u>Reeva Ft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4315</u>	<u>Regenelink Amniotic Membrane Allograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4316</u>	<u>Amchoplast, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4317</u>	<u>Vitograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4318</u>	<u>E-Graft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4319</u>	<u>Sanograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4320</u>	<u>Pellograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4321</u>	<u>Renograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4322</u>	<u>Caregraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4323</u>	<u>alloPLY, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4324</u>	<u>AmnioTX, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4325</u>	<u>ACApatch, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4326</u>	<u>WoundPlus, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4327</u>	<u>DuoAmnion, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4328</u>	<u>MOST, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4329</u>	<u>Singlay, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4330</u>	<u>TOTAL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4331</u>	<u>Axolotl Graft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4332</u>	<u>Axolotl Dualgraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4333</u>	<u>ArdeoGraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4334</u>	<u>AmnioPlast 1, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4335</u>	<u>AmnioPlast 2, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4336</u>	<u>Artacent C, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4337</u>	<u>Artacent Trident, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4338</u>	<u>Artacent Velos, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4339</u>	<u>Artacent Vericlen, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4340</u>	<u>SimpliGraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4341</u>	<u>SimpliMax, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4342</u>	<u>TheraMend, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4343</u>	<u>Dermacyte AC Matrix Amniotic Membrane Allograft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4344</u>	<u>Tri-Membrane Wrap, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4345</u>	<u>Matrix HD Allograft Dermis, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4346</u>	<u>Shelter DM Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4347</u>	<u>Rampart DL Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4348</u>	<u>Sentry SL Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4349</u>	<u>Mantle DL Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4350</u>	<u>Palisade DM Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4351</u>	<u>Enclose TL Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4352</u>	<u>Overlay SL Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4353</u>	<u>Xceed TL Matrix, per sq cm</u>

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Q4354</u>	<u>PalinGen Dual-Layer Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4355</u>	<u>Abioment Xplus Membrane and Abioment Xplus Hydromembrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4356</u>	<u>Abioment Membrane and Abioment Hydromembrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4357</u>	<u>XWRAP Plus, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4358</u>	<u>XWRAP Dual, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4359</u>	<u>ChoriPly, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4360</u>	<u>AmchoPlast FD, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4361</u>	<u>EPIXPRESS, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4362</u>	<u>CYGNUS Disk, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4363</u>	<u>Amnio Burgeon Membrane and Hydromembrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4364</u>	<u>Amnio Burgeon Xplus Membrane and Xplus Hydromembrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4365</u>	<u>Amnio Burgeon Dual-Layer Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4366</u>	<u>Dual Layer Amnio Burgeon X-Membrane, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4367</u>	<u>AmnioCore SL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4368</u>	<u>AmchoThick, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4369</u>	<u>AmnioPlast 3, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4370</u>	<u>AeroGuard, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4371</u>	<u>NeoGuard, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4372</u>	<u>AmchoPlast EXCEL, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4373</u>	<u>Membrane Wrap-Lite, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4375</u>	<u>duoGRAFT AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4376</u>	<u>Duograft AA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4377</u>	<u>triGRAFT FT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4378</u>	<u>Renew FT Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4379</u>	<u>AmnioDefend FT Matrix, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4380</u>	<u>AdvoGraft One, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4382</u>	<u>Advograft Dual, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4383</u>	<u>Axolotl Graft Ultra, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4384</u>	<u>Axolotl DualGraft Ultra, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4385</u>	<u>Apollo FT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4386</u>	<u>Acesso TrifACA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4387</u>	<u>NeoThelium FT, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4388</u>	<u>NeoThelium 4L, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4389</u>	<u>NeoThelium 4L Plus, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4390</u>	<u>Ascendion, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4391</u>	<u>AmnioPlast Double, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4392</u>	<u>GRAFIX Duo, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4393</u>	<u>SurGraft AC, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4394</u>	<u>SurGraft ACA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4395</u>	<u>Acelagraft, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4396</u>	<u>Natalin, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4397</u>	<u>Summit AAA, per sq cm</u>
<u>Q4398</u>	<u>Summit AC, per sq cm</u>

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HCPCS Codes	Description
Q4399	Summit FX, per sq cm
Q4400	Polygon3 Membrane, per sq cm
Q4401	Absolv3 Membrane, per sq cm
Q4402	XWRAP 2.0, per sq cm
Q4403	XWRAP Dual Plus, per sq cm
Q4404	XWRAP Hydro Plus, per sq cm
Q4405	XWRAP Fenestra Plus, per sq cm
Q4406	XWRAP Fenestra, per sq cm
Q4407	XWRAP Tribus, per sq cm
Q4408	XWRAP Hydro, per sq cm
Q4409	AmniomatrixF3X, per sq cm
Q4410	AmchoMatrixDL, per sq cm
Q4411	AmniomatrixF4X, per sq cm
Q4412	CHORIOFIX, per sq cm
Q4413	Cygnus Solo, per sq cm
Q4414	SimpliChor, per sq cm
Q4415	AlexiGuard SL-T, per sq cm
Q4416	AlexiGuard TL-T, per sq cm
Q4417	AlexiGuard DL-T, per sq cm
Q4418	BioLab Membrane Wrap Flow, per sq cm
Q4419	BioLab Membrane Wrap Lite Flow, per sq cm
Q4420	NuForm, per sq cm
Q4421	BioLab Membrane Wrap Solo, per sq cm
Q4422	A/C Wrap, per sq cm
Q4423	BioLab Tri-Membrane Wrap Flow, per sq cm
Q4424	Revive FT, per sq cm
Q4425	Revive TL, per sq cm
Q4426	DermaBind TL + or DermaBind TL X, per sq cm
Q4427	DermaBind DL N, DermaBind DL +, or DermaBind DL X, per sq cm
Q4428	DermaBind SL N, DermaBind SL +, or DermaBind SL X, per sq cm
Q4429	DermaBind CH N or DermaBind CH X, per sq cm
Q4435	Renati Membrane, per sq
Q4436	Renati AC Membrane, per sq cm
Q4437	Revival AC, per sq cm
Q4438	Prelect, per sq cm
Q4439	InstaGraft, per sq cm
Q4440	CuraMatrix, per sq cm

HCPCS codes that do not support medical necessity criteria

HCPCS Codes	Description
A2005*	Microlyte Matrix, per sq cm
A2006*	NovoSorb-SynPath dermal matrix, per sq cm
A2007*	Restrata, per sq cm

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HCPCS Codes	Description
A2009*	Symphony, per sq cm
A2010*	Apis, per sq cm
A2011*	Supra SDRM, per sq cm
A2012*	Suprathel, per sq cm
A2013*	Innovamatrix FS, per sq cm
A2014*	Omeza Collagen Matrix, per 100 mg
A2015*	Phoenix Wound Matrix, per sq cm
A2016*	PermeaDerm B, per sq cm
A2017*	PermeaDerm Glove, each
A2018*	PermeaDerm C, per sq cm
A2019*	Kerecis Omega3 MariGen Shield, per sq cm
A2020*	AC5 Advanced Wound System (AC5)
A2021*	NeoMatriX, per sq cm
A2022*	InnovaBurn or InnovaMatrix XL, per sq cm
A2023*	InnovaMatrix PD, 1 mg
A2024*	Resolve Matrix, per sq cm
A2025*	Miro3D, per cu cm
A2026*	Restrata MiniMatrix, 5 mg
A2027*	MatriDerm, per sq cm
A2028*	MicroMatrix Flex, per mg
A2029*	MiroTract Wound Matrix sheet, per cc
A2030*	Miro3D Fibers, per mg
A2031*	MiroDry Wound Matrix, per sq cm
A2032*	Myriad Matrix, per sq cm
A2033*	Myriad Morecells, 4 mg
A2034*	Foundation DRS Solo, per sq cm
A2035*	Corplex P or Theracor P or Allacor P, per mg
A4100*	Skin substitute, FDA cleared as a device, not otherwise specified
C9358*	Dermal substitute, native, nondenatured collagen, fetal bovine origin (SurgiMend Collagen Matrix), per 0.5 sq cm
C9360*	Dermal substitute, native, nondenatured collagen, neonatal bovine origin (SurgiMend Collagen Matrix), per 0.5 sq cm
C9363*	Skin substitute (Integra Meshed Bilayer Wound Matrix), per sq cm
Q4112*	Cymetra, injectable, 1 cc
Q4113*	GRAFTJACKET XPRESS, injectable, 1 cc
Q4114*	Integra flowable wound matrix, injectable, 1 cc
Q4125*	ArthroFlex, per sq cm
Q4130*	Strattice TM, per sq cm
Q4138*	BioDFence DryFlex, per sq cm
Q4139*	AmnioMatrix or BioDMatrix, injectable, 1 cc
Q4143*	Repriza, per sq cm
Q4145*	EpiFix, injectable, 1 mg
Q4149*	Excellagen, 0.1 cc

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HCPCS Codes	Description
Q4155*	Neox Flo or Clarix Flo 1 mg
Q4162*	WoundEx Flow, BioSkin Flow, 0.5 cc
Q4167*	Truskin, per sq cm
Q4168*	AmnioBand, 1 mg
Q4171*	Interfyl, 1 mg
Q4174*	PalinGen or ProMatrX, 0.36 mg per 0.25 cc
Q4177*	FlowerAmnioFlo, 0.1 cc
Q4179*	FlowerDerm, per sq cm
Q4181*	Amnio Wound, per sq cm
Q4182*	Transeyte, per sq cm
Q4183*	Surgigraft, per sq cm
Q4184*	Cellesta or Cellesta Duo, per sq cm
Q4185*	Cellesta Flowable Amnion (25 mg per cc); per 0.5 cc
Q4189*	Artacent AC, 1 mg
Q4190*	Artacent AC, per sq cm
Q4191*	Restorigin, per sq cm
Q4192*	Restorigin, 1 cc
Q4193*	Coll-e-Derm, per sq cm
Q4194*	Novachor, per sq cm
Q4198*	Genesis Amniotic Membrane, per sq cm
Q4199*	Cygnus matrix, per sq cm
Q4200*	SkinTE, per sq cm
Q4202*	Keroxx (2.5 g/cc), 1 cc
Q4204*	XWRAP, per sq cm
Q4205*	Membrane Graft or Membrane Wrap, per sq cm
Q4206*	Fluid Flow or Fluid GF, 1 cc
Q4208*	Novafix, per sq cm
Q4209*	SurGraft, per sq cm
Q4210*	Axolotl Graft or Axolotl DualGraft, per sq cm
Q4211*	Amnion Bio or AxoBioMembrane, per sq cm
Q4212*	AlloGen, per cc
Q4214*	Cellesta Cord, per sq cm
Q4216*	Artacent Cord, per sq cm
Q4217*	WoundFix, BioWound, WoundFix Plus, BioWound Plus, WoundFix Xplus or BioWound Xplus, per sq cm
Q4218*	SurgiCORD, per sq cm
Q4219*	SurgiGRAFT DUAL, per sq cm
Q4220*	BellaCell HD or Surederm, per sq cm
Q4221*	Amnio Wrap2, per sq cm
Q4222*	ProgenaMatrix, per sq cm
Q4224*	Human Health Factor 10 Amniotic Patch (HHF10-P), per sq cm
Q4225*	AmnioBind or DermaBind TL, per sq cm
Q4226*	MyOwn Skin, includes harvesting and preparation procedures, per sq cm

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HCPCS Codes	Description
Q4227*	AmnioCore TM, per sq cm
Q4229*	Cogenex Amniotic Membrane, per sq cm
Q4230*	Cogenex Flowable Amnion, per 0.5 cc
Q4231*	Corplex P, per cc
Q4233*	SurFactor or NuDyn, per 0.5 cc
Q4234*	Xcellerate, per sq cm
Q4235*	AMNIOREPAIR or AltiPly, per sq cm
Q4237*	Cryo-Cord, per sq cm
Q4238*	Derm-Maxx, per sq cm
Q4239*	Amnio-Maxx or Amnio-Maxx Lite, per sq cm
Q4240*	CoreCyte, for topical use only, per 0.5 cc
Q4241*	PolyCyte, for topical use only, per 0.5 cc
Q4242*	AmnioCyte Plus, per 0.5 cc
Q4244*	Procenta, per 200 mg
Q4245*	AmnioText, per cc
Q4246*	CoreText or ProText, per cc
Q4247*	Amniotext patch, per sq cm
Q4248*	Dermacyte Amniotic Membrane Allograft, per sq cm
Q4249*	AMNIPLY, for topical use only, per sq cm
Q4250*	AmnioAmp MP, per sq cm
Q4251*	Vim, per sq cm
Q4252*	Vendaje, per sq cm
Q4255*	REGUaRD, for topical use only, per sq cm
Q4256*	MLG-Complete, per sq cm
Q4257*	Relese, per sq cm
Q4258*	Enverse, per sq cm
Q4259*	Celera Dual Layer or Celera Dual Membrane, per sq cm
Q4260*	Signature Apatch, per sq cm
Q4261*	TAG, per sq cm
Q4263*	SurGraft TL, per sq cm
Q4264*	Cocoon Membrane, per sq cm
Q4265*	NeoStim TL, per sq cm
Q4266*	NeoStim Membrane, per sq cm
Q4279*	Vendaje AC, per sq cm
Q4287*	DermaBind DL, per sq cm
Q4288*	DermaBind CH, per sq cm
Q4289*	RevoShield+ Amniotic Barrier, per sq cm
Q4290*	Membrane Wrap Hydro(TM), per sq cm
Q4291*	Lamellas XT, per sq cm
Q4292*	Lamellas, per sq cm
Q4293*	Acesso DL, per sq cm
Q4294*	Amnio Quad Core, per sq cm
Q4295*	Amnio Tri Core Amniotic, per sq cm

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HCPCS Codes	Description
Q4296*	Rebound Matrix, per sq cm
Q4297*	Emerge Matrix, per sq cm
Q4298*	AmniCore Pro, per sq cm
Q4299*	AmniCore Pro+, per sq cm
Q4300*	Acesso TL, per sq cm
Q4301*	Activate Matrix, per sq cm
Q4302*	Complete ACA, per sq cm
Q4303*	Complete AA, per sq cm
Q4304*	GRAFIX PLUS, per sq cm
Q4305*	American Amnion AC Tri-Layer, per sq cm
Q4306*	American Amnion AC, per sq cm
Q4307*	American Amnion, per sq cm
Q4308*	Sanopellis, per sq cm
Q4309*	VIA Matrix, per sq cm
Q4310*	Procenta, per 100 mg
Q4311*	Acesso, per sq cm
Q4312*	Acesso AC, per sq cm
Q4313*	DermaBind FM, per sq cm
Q4314*	Reeva FT, per sq cm
Q4315*	RegeneLink Amniotic Membrane Allograft, per sq cm
Q4316*	AmchoPlast, per sq cm
Q4317*	VitoGraft, per sq cm
Q4318*	E-Graft, per sq cm
Q4319*	SanoGraft, per sq cm
Q4320*	PelloGraft, per sq cm
Q4321*	RenoGraft, per sq cm
Q4322*	CaregraFT, per sq cm
Q4323*	alloPLY, per sq cm
Q4324*	AmnioTX, per sq cm
Q4325*	ACApatch, per sq cm
Q4326*	WoundPlus, per sq cm
Q4327*	DuoAmnion, per sq cm
Q4328*	MOST, per sq cm
Q4329*	Singlay, per sq cm
Q4330*	TOTAL, per sq cm
Q4331*	Axolotl Graft, per sq cm
Q4332*	Axolotl DualGraft, per sq cm
Q4333*	ArdeoGraft, per sq cm
Q4334*	AmnioPlast 1, per sq cm
Q4335*	AmnioPlast 2, per sq cm
Q4336*	Artacent C, per sq cm
Q4337*	Artacent Trident, per sq cm
Q4338*	Artacent Velos, per sq cm

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HCPCS Codes	Description
Q4339*	Artacent Veriellen, per sq cm
Q4340*	SimpliGraft, per sq cm
Q4341*	SimpliMax, per sq cm
Q4342*	TheraMend, per sq cm
Q4343*	Dermacyte AC Matrix Amniotic Membrane Allograft, per sq cm
Q4344*	Tri-Membrane Wrap, per sq cm
Q4345*	Matrix HD Allograft Dermis, per sq cm
Q4346*	Shelter DM Matrix, per sq cm
Q4347*	Rampart DL Matrix, per sq cm
Q4348*	Sentry SL Matrix, per sq cm
Q4349*	Mantle DL Matrix, per sq cm
Q4350*	Palisade DM Matrix, per sq cm
Q4351*	Enclose TL Matrix, per sq cm
Q4352*	Overlay SL Matrix, per sq cm
Q4353*	Xceed TL Matrix, per sq cm
Q4354*	PalinGen Dual-Layer Membrane, per sq cm
Q4355*	Abiomend Xplus Membrane and Abiomend Xplus Hydromembrane, per sq cm
Q4356*	Abiomend Membrane and Abiomend Hydromembrane, per sq cm
Q4357*	XWRAP Plus, per sq cm
Q4358*	XWRAP Dual, per sq cm
Q4359*	ChoriPly, per sq cm
Q4360*	AmchoPlast FD, per sq cm
Q4361*	EPIXPRESS, per sq cm
Q4362*	CYGNUS Disk, per sq cm
Q4363*	Amnio-Burgeon Membrane and Hydromembrane, per sq cm
Q4364*	Amnio-Burgeon Xplus Membrane and Xplus Hydromembrane, per sq cm
Q4365*	Amnio-Burgeon Dual-Layer Membrane, per sq cm
Q4366*	Dual-Layer Amnio-Burgeon X-Membrane, per sq cm
Q4367*	AmnioCore SL, per sq cm
Q4368*	AmchoThick, per sq cm
Q4369*	AmnioPlast 3, per sq cm
Q4370*	AeroGuard, per sq cm
Q4371*	NeoGuard, per sq cm
Q4372*	AmchoPlast EXCEL, per sq cm
Q4373*	Membrane Wrap Lite, per sq cm
Q4375*	duoGRAFT AC, per sq cm
Q4376*	Duograft AA, per sq cm
Q4377*	triGRAFT FT, per sq cm
Q4378*	Renew FT Matrix, per sq cm
Q4379*	AmnioDefend FT Matrix, per sq cm
Q4380*	AdvoGraft One, per sq cm
Q4382*	AdvoGraft Dual, per sq cm

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Converted corporate to local policy.	08/15/20		
References reviewed and updated. HCPCS codes removed as they are not included in Medicare Article A56696: Q4150, Q4183, Q4190, Q4208-Q4226. Q4210, Q4217, Q4219, and Q4220 removed. New codes added (from Article A56696): Q4176, Q4237, Q4238, and Q4239. Added LA specific Criteria for Chronic Diabetic Lower Extremity Ulcers	1/22	3/26/22	
Updated description for code Q4128.	10/22		
References reviewed and updated. Changed “Review Date” in the header to “Date of Last Revision” and “Date” in the revision log header to “Revision Date.” Added “type 2 diabetes” to I.A. Reworded some extraneous language with no clinical significance. Added to I. F. 4.: Toe-brachial index (TBI) of at least 0.5; Triphasic or biphasic Doppler arterial waveforms at the ankle of the affected leg. Added to I. G.: Is at least 1.0 square centimeter (cm) in size Change A1c from 8 to 9 Added to section I. J.: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active and untreated autoimmune connective tissue disease; 2. Known or suspected malignancy of the ulcer; 3. Member/Enrollee is receiving radiation therapy or chemotherapy 4. Re-treatment of the same ulcer within one year Background section updated with no additional impact to criteria. Coding was reviewed and updated. Changed all instances of member to member/enrollee	1/23	4/3/23	
Annual review completed. Changed policy title and statements in I. and II. to reflect the inclusion of soft tissue substitutes for chronic wounds. Added note specifying that requests for skin and soft tissue substitutes other than for the indications noted in the policy is outside of the scope of the policy. Updated policy statement I. to include full thickness skin-loss ulcers. Revised criteria I.G. In I.H clarified that the request complies with FDA-approved indications and application limits. Removed criteria II.A. Reworded extraneous language and background updated with no clinical significance. Removed deleted HCPCS code A2003. Labeled HCPCS Table 1 to note support of medical	5/23	7/21/23	

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<p>necessity. Added HCPCS Table 2 of codes that do not support medical necessity. Moved the following codes from the previous code reference table to table 2, HCPCS codes that do not support medical necessity: A2002, A2005, A2006, A2007, A2009, A2010, Q4184, Q4199, Q4237, Q4238, Q4239, Q4262, Q4263, and Q4264 Added new codes Q4253, Q4262, Q4263 and Q4264 to HCPCS table 1. Added additional codes to not medically necessary table, Table 2. References reviewed and updated.</p>			
<p>Annual review. Removed language related to venous stasis ulcers. Removed criteria 1.A Age ≥ 18 years, or diabetic (Type 1 or Type 2). Removed “including silver dressings in C.1. Replaced C2 “wound has increased in size or depth or has not changed... with “Wound area has reduced <50% in four weeks”. Updated description for HCPCS code A4225. Removed the following codes from HCPCS codes that do not support medical necessity criteria and added to table for HCPCS codes that support medical necessity criteria: A2002, Q4236, and Q4262. Added HCPCS code Q4278 and A2019-A4100 to table for HCPCS codes that support medical necessity criteria. Added the following codes to table for HCPCS codes that do not support medical necessity criteria: Q4279 and Q4287 through Q4304. Added Q4305-Q4310. Coding reviewed. References reviewed and updated. Reviewed by external specialist.</p>	5/24	7/16/24	8/16/25
<p>Annual Review Description and Background reviewed and updated. References reviewed and updates. Reviewed by external specialist.</p>	07/25	9/22/25	12/18/25
<p><u>Annual review. Changed policy name to “Skin and Soft Tissue Substitutes.” In policy statements I and II, noted that the medical necessity requirements are “specific to the wound for which the skin substitute/CTP is being requested” and added as the first criterion that the “request indicates the specific wound to which the skin substitute will be applied.” Reworded I.D.5 to more clearly require that member/enrollees who smoke participate in smoking cessation therapy. In criteria I.E., updated product list for DFUs/VLUs. In I.F.6. and II.B.6., deleted code Q4106 was replaced with code Q4431. In the Note in I.H. and II.E., removed “16.” In II.B., updated product list for DFUs/VLUs. Added criteria IV. regarding skin substitute use for burn treatment, with IV.B. thru IV.D. and IV.F. moved from CP.MP.186. Added criteria V. regarding skin substitute use for breast reconstruction. Added criteria VI. regarding skin substitute use for dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa. Added criteria VII. regarding skin substitute use for post-reconstructive surgery of abdominal wall wounds. Added criteria VIII. regarding indications considered not medically necessary. Added criteria IX. regarding indications of which evidence that</u></p>	04/26		

<p><u>does not support. Background section updated to include new sections on burns, breast reconstruction, dystrophic epidermolysis, and post-reconstruction surgery of abdominal wall wounds. Updated titles of coding tables. Coding reviewed and updated. Added HCPCS Code Table 1. To HCPCS Code Table 1, added codes G0681, G0682, G0683, and G0684. Added Note under HCPCS Code Table 2. To HCPCS Code Table 2, added the following: A2012, A2043, A2044, A4100, C1781, C9363, C9399, Q4108, Q4116, Q4122, Q4130, Q4182, Q4431, and Q4433. From HCPCS Code Table 2, removed the following: Q4106, Q4110, Q4111, Q4115, Q4117, Q4118, Q4124, Q4137, Q4141, Q4146, Q4148, Q4151, Q4152, Q4154, Q4156, Q4159, Q4160, Q4166, Q4170, Q4175, Q4178, Q4187, Q4188, Q4195, Q4196, Q4197, Q4201, Q4203, Q4236, Q4253, Q4262. For HCPCS Code Table 3, added the following codes: A2004, A2008, A2040, A2041, A2042, A2045, A4175, C9250 Q4111 Q4115 Q4117, Q4118, Q4124, Q4137, Q4141, Q4146, Q4148, Q4151, Q4152, Q4154, Q4156, Q4159, Q4160, Q4166, Q4170, Q4175, Q4178, Q4187, Q4195, Q4196, Q4197, Q4201, Q4203, Q4236, Q4253, Q4262, Q4398, Q4399, Q4400, Q4401, Q4402, Q4403, Q4404, Q4405, Q4406, Q4407, Q4408, Q4409, Q4410, Q4411, Q4412, Q4413, Q4414, Q4415, Q4416, Q4417, Q4418, Q4419, Q4420, Q4421, Q4422, Q4423, Q4424, Q4425, Q4426, Q4427, Q4428, Q4429, Q4435, Q4436, Q4437, Q4438, Q4439, and Q4440. For HCPCS Code Table 3, removed the following codes: A2012, C9363, Q4100, Q4108, Q4116, Q4122, Q4130, Q4182, Q4210, Q4231, and Q4244. References reviewed and updated. Reviewed by internal specialists. Reformatted without changes to criteria and adjusted to fully align with specialist and references while following LDH guidance. Reviewed by external specialist.</u></p>			
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