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OTHER SERVICES

Chapter 8
Section 6.1

MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DRESSINGS (CONSUMABLES)

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I. DESCRIPTION

Medical supplies and dressings (consumables) are those that do not withstand prolonged, repeated use.

II. POLICY

- A. Medical supplies and dressings (consumables) are covered when related directly to a covered medical condition and obtained from a medical supply company, a pharmacy, or authorized institutional provider. Examples of covered medical supplies and dressings include disposable syringes for diabetics, colostomy sets, irrigation sets, elastic bandages and external surgical garments designed for use following a mastectomy.
- B. Any item over \$100 must be reviewed to determine if it qualifies as durable medical equipment. If it is considered a medical supply and the charge is not excessive, it may be covered under this policy.

III. EXCLUSION

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