

## Supplemental Table. PAYMENT STRATEGIES SELF-TEST ANSWERS

### Scenario

No.	Yes	No	Reason for Answer
1	X		Surgical dressings are not covered for this wound because it was not caused by or treated by a surgical procedure or was not debrided.
2	X		This dressing is not covered because the pad size should not be more than 2 inches greater than the size of the ulcer.
3	X		Because an ulcer does not exist, Medicare does not cover the compression wrap.
4	X		The alginate primary dressing may be changed once per day, but the bordered foam secondary dressing may only be changed three times per week – not daily. The LCD states that it is not reasonable and necessary to use two dressings with different change intervals.
5	X		The alginate is for full-thickness wounds with moderate to heavy exudate and can be changed by the patient once daily. The bordered gauze can also be changed once daily.
6	X		Collagen dressings are only covered for full thickness ulcers with light to moderate exudate, ulcers that have stalled, or ulcers that have not progressed toward healing. In addition, bordered foam dressings can only be changed three times per week.
7	X		Medicare does not cover surgical dressings to clean ulcers. In addition, the ulcer was not caused by or treated by a surgical procedure and was not debrided.
8	X		Medicare does not cover hydrogel dressings for ulcers with minimal to no exudate. Foam dressings can only be changed by the patient three times per week. In addition, the ulcer was not caused by or treated by a surgical procedure and was not debrided.
9	X		Patients who live in nursing facilities and who have heavily draining or infected wounds must be evaluated every week by the treating physician or his/her designee. In addition, the pressure ulcer was not caused by or treated by a surgical procedure and was not debrided. Therefore, the pressure ulcer is not covered under the surgical dressing benefit.
10	X		Use of a DME supplier's surgical dressing order form is not a substitute for documentation in the medical record. The physician should provide all required documentation in the medical record and should complete the DME supplier's surgical dressing order form.
11	X		When a new dressing is added or the quantity is increased, the physician must write a new order. The DME supplier cannot accept verbal surgical dressing orders from the patient.
12	X		Hydrocolloid dressings are only covered for wounds that have light to moderate exudate and can only be changed by the patient three times per week.
13	X		Use of more than one type of hydrogel dressing on the same wound at the same time is not reasonable and necessary.
14	X		Specialty absorptive dressings are for stage 3 or 4 pressure injuries that have moderate to heavy exudate. In addition, Medicare only allows specialty absorptive dressings to be changed by the patient every other day.
15	X		Medicare does not cover enzymatic debridement agents under the surgical dressing benefit. Therefore, the DME supplier cannot bill it to the Medicare Part B program. If the product is covered on the patient's drug plan, the physician should write a prescription for the pharmacy to fill.

Abbreviations: DME, durable medical equipment; LCD, local coverage determination; QHP, qualified healthcare professional.