Updated Medicare coverage for treatment of diabetic foot and venous leg ulcers

Medicare has developed a new LCD coverage policy regarding the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers. This policy applies to services performed on or after April 13, 2025. In addition to the coverage and limitations criteria indicated in the policy, the LCD considers more than eight applications of a skin substitute graft/CTP within an episode of care (up to 16 weeks) to be not medically necessary. Any applications greater than four will require the KX modifier to be added as an attestation of medical necessity.

LCD - Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (L39828)

For wounds other than Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers, coverage remains the same as previously published. Security Health Plan will cover Medicare-approved skin substitutes for Medicare Advantage members. Security Health Plan will cover ten applications over 12 weeks per wound, regardless of whether the skin substitutes used are all the same or a combination of skin substitutes. These limitations will not apply to members with a breast cancer or burn diagnosis.

This information is located on the Skin Substitutes, Chemical Peels, Dermabrasions, and other Skin Procedures Medical Policy, which is located on the Medical Policy web page: Medical Policies | Security Health Plan.