

RE: 2009 HCPCS Code Set
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CMS in its attempts to keep us on our toes, has issued its annual HCPCS Code Set Update. The 2009 update will have its most significant effect particularly on podiatrists who provide advanced tissue engineered products. Effective January 1, 2009. All the current "J" codes for tissue-engineered products will be replaced by a new set of "Q" codes.

Unfortunately this news, released 11/03/08, has come far too late to appear in the annual update on tissue-engineered products published in the Nov/December issue of *Podiatry Management*.

The January issue will contain a full cross-walked chart for all the tissue engineered products contained in the Nov/Dec article on tissue engineered products. An early rendition of the chart appears below:

PRODUCT	2009 CODE	2008 CODE	DESCRIPTOR
Misc.	Q4100	n/a	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
Apligraf	Q4101	J 7340	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, APLIGRAF, PER SQ CM
Oasis Wound	Q4102	J 7341	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, OASIS WOUND MATRIX, PER SQ CM
Oasis Burn	Q4103	J 7341	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, OASIS BURN MATRIX, PER SQUARE CENTIM
Integra Wound	Q4104	J 7347	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, INTEGRA BILAYER MATRIX WOUND DRESSING (BMW)
Integra DRT	Q4105	n/a	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, INTEGRA DERMAL REGENERATION TEMPLATE (DRT)
DERMAGRAFT	Q4106	J 7342	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, DERMAGRAFT, PER SQ CM
Graft Jacket	Q4107	J 7344	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, GRAFTJACKET, PER SQ CM
Integra	Q4108	J 7347	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, INTEGRA MATRIX, PER SQ CM
Tissuemend	Q4109	J 7348	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, TISSUEMEND, PER SQ CM
Primatrix	Q4110	J 7349	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, GRAFTJACKET, PER SQ CM
Gammagraft	Q4111	J 3590	SKIN SUBSTITUTE, INTEGRA MATRIX, PER SQ CM

One may find the full HCPCS Coding Set Update at:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/ANHCPCS/>

As always pricing information is updated on a quarterly basis. The first quarter 2009 average sale price information (ASP) file will be available sometime within the next four to six weeks. When released it may be found at the usual ASP location of: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcrpartbdrugavgsalesprice/>

This information does not update or change any current local Medicare LCD coverage policy on the actual application (CPT) or reimbursement for any specific product. That information is available on your local Medicare carrier's website.

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