

Physicians and Other Qualified Healthcare Professionals (QHPs)

2024 Coding, Coverage, and Medicare National Average Allowable Rates for the MicroDoc® Single-Use Negative Pressure Wound Therapy System



Coding

When physicians and other QHPs either 1) apply a new complete disposable negative pressure wound therapy (dNPWT) system, or 2) remove and replace a dNPWT system with a completely new dNPWT system, they may report either 97607 or 97608, depending on the size of the wound. See the Table for exact code descriptions.

Coverage

Physicians/QHPs should verify if the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), which processes their claims, released a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and/or Local Coding Article (LCA) pertaining to dNPWT. If an LCD and/or an LCA exists, the physicians/QHPs should read and follow the medical necessity, utilization, documentation, and coding guidelines.

NOTE: If your MAC has not released an LCD and/or an LCA, coverage will be based upon thorough documentation of the medical necessity for the dNPWT.



Disclaimer

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Payment

When medical necessity coverage criteria are met and documented, and when the physician/ QHP applies a new complete dNPWT system to a wound on a Medicare beneficiary who has purchased fee-for-service Medicare Part B, the MAC should pay 80%, and the beneficiary or their secondary insurance will be responsible for 20% of the facility or non-facility allowable rate.

The facility allowable rate is applicable in places of service (POS) such as:

- + POS 19 off-campus outpatient hospital
- + POS 21 inpatient hospital
- + POS 22 on-campus outpatient hospital
- + POS 24 ambulatory surgical center
- + POS 31 skilled nursing facility during Medicare Part A skilled stay.

The non-facility allowable rate is applicable in POS such as:

- + POS 11 office
- + POS 32 skilled nursing facility during Medicare Part B non-skilled stay

See the Table for national average Medicare allowable ratesⁱ. Visit your MAC's website for the allowable rates specific to your geography.

NOTE: Based on individual contracts with other payers, physicians/QHPs may/may not receive separate payment for dNPWT.

NOTE: The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Editsⁱⁱ may prevent separate payment for 97607 or 97608 when performed at the same encounter on the same anatomic location as another minor procedure (e.g., 97597, 97602, 97610). Because the NCCI Edits are updated on a quarterly basis, physicians/QHPs should review the NCCI procedure-to-procedure edits at the beginning of each quarter.

NOTE: Before furnishing dNPWT, physicians/QHPs should always verify if a fee-for-service Medicare beneficiary is receiving care from a home health agency. The home health agency consolidated billing systemⁱⁱⁱ requires home health agencies to purchase and bill for dNPWT ordered for Medicare beneficiaries under their care. For those beneficiaries, physicians/QHPs should write an order for the home health agency to furnish the dNPWT.

Procedure Code	Code Description	2024 MPFS Allowable Rates* Non-Facility	2024 MPFS Allowable Rates* Facility
97607	Negative pressure wound therapy, (e.g., vacuum-assisted drainage collection), utilizing disposable, non-durable medical equipment including provision of exudate management collection system, topical application(s), wound assessment, and instructions for ongoing care, per session; total wound(s) surface area less than or equal to 50 square centimeters.	\$342.18	\$20.63
97608	Negative pressure wound therapy, (e.g., vacuum-assisted drainage collection), utilizing disposable, non-durable medical equipment including provision of exudate management collection system, topical application(s), wound assessment, and instructions for ongoing care, per session; total wound(s) surface area greater than 50 square centimeters.	\$353.96	\$24.23

*Allowable rates do not consider payment reductions e.g., sequestration.

ⁱ Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Look-Up Tool: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician/lookup-tool>

ⁱⁱ National Correct Coding Initiative Procedure-to-Procedure Edit

Files: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/national-correct-coding-initiative-nci-edits/medicare-nci-procedure-procedure-ptp-edits>

ⁱⁱⁱ Home Health Agency Consolidated Billing System List: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/home-health/coding-and-billing-information>

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