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Via email to marcia@woundcarestakeholders.org.

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Re: Possible joint DME MAC Advisory article or revision to Surgical Dressings LCD

Dear Ms. Nusgart,

Thank you for your recent email on December 18, 2017 requesting a joint DME MAC Advisory article or a revision to the Surgical Dressings Local Coverage Determination discussing the information contained in our October 20, 2017 letter. You note that you had been informed of misinformation provided at a Noridian Jurisdiction D Provider Outreach and Education(POE) webinar as an example demonstrating the need for a joint DME MAC advisory article.

Joint DME MAC articles are tools used to address issues that arise across multiple DME MAC contractors. While we regret this has occurred, after conducting an internal review, we do not feel a general publication is needed. The misinformation was communicated in one training session conducted by a single DME MAC and corrective action has been taken. Specifically, the October 20, 2017 letter has been redistributed to the Noridian POE staff and re-emphasized by the medical directors so that the staffs are aware of the clarification contained within. CGS has taken similar action.

We will continue to monitor the level of supplier knowledge regarding the Surgical Dressings LCD and feedback which we receive from our POE teams. If we become aware of issues or questions that are not being adequately addressed by POE, we will reconsider the need for a joint DME MAC bulletin article.

We thank you for your email and your interest in Medicare coverage of surgical dressings and your advocacy on behalf of your stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Gurk".

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