

Dermacell AWM®

Applied by Physicians and Other Qualified Healthcare Professionals (QHPs)



2022 CODING AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Applications Codes:

Physicians and other QHPs should select the application codes based on the anatomic location and the wound surface area to which Dermacell AWM Placental Membrane is applied. Do not select the application code based upon the size of the product purchased.

CPT¹ Code	Wound Surface Area Less Than 100 Sq. CM
15271	Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area up to 100 sq. cm; first 25 sq. cm or less wound surface area
+15272	Each additional 25 cm² wound surface area or part thereof
15273	Application of skin substitute graft to trunk, arms, legs, total wound surface area greater than or equal to 100 sq. cm; first 100 sq. cm wound surface area, or 1% of body area of infants and children
+15274	Each additional 100 cm ² wound surface area, or part thereof, or each additional 1% of body area of infants and children
CPT Code	Wound Surface Area Equal to or Greater Than 100 Sq.
CPT Code 15275	Wound Surface Area Equal to or Greater Than 100 Sq. Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area up to 100 sq. cm; first 25 sq. cm or less wound surface area
	Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and /or multiple digits, total
15275	Application of skin substitute graft to face, scalp, eyelids, mouth, neck, ears, orbits, genitalia, hands, feet, and/or multiple digits, total wound surface area up to 100 sq. cm; first 25 sq. cm or less wound surface area

The above table illustrates potential CPT codes that can be used to denote surgical skin procedures and the application of Dermacell AWM for the management of wounds.

• When applying the product, during the same encounter, to multiple wounds represented by the same application code, sum the surface areas of the wounds together.

Examples:

- 1. If the product is applied to a 5 sq. cm wound on the left foot and to a 10 sq. cm wound on the right foot, report 1 unit of 15275.
- 2. If the product is applied to a 15 sq. cm wound on the right leg and to a 20 sq. cm on the left leg, report 1 unit of 15277 and 1 unit of 15278.
- When applying the product, during the same encounter, to multiple wounds represented by different application codes, separately sum the surface areas of the wounds represented by each application code.

Examples:

- 1. If the product is applied to a 20 sq. cm wound on the right leg, a 15 sq. cm wound on the left leg, and a 10 sq. cm on the right foot, report 1 unit of 15271, 1 unit of 15272, and 1 unit of 15275.
- 2. If the product is applied to one large wound that is on the heel (30 sq. cm) and extends into the ankle (40 sq. cm), report 1 unit of 15275 and 1 unit of 15276 for the application to the heel and 1 unit of 15271 and 1 unit of 15272 for the application to the ankle.

CAUTION: For coding purposes, the wrists are part of the arms and the ankles are part of the legs.

NOTE: For wound surface areas less than 100 sq. cm, the maximum number of add-on codes that can be reported is 3.

NOTE: If the wound surface area is exactly 100 sq. cm, 15273 or 15277 should be reported.

NOTE: For wound surface areas greater than 100 sq. cm, report either 1 unit of 15273 with the appropriate number of units of 15274, or 1 unit of 15277 with the appropriate number of units of 15278.

Product Code:

When physicians and other QHPs purchase Dermacell AWM Placental Membrane and apply it in their offices, when it is covered, they should also report the appropriate HCPCS code for product, along with the appropriate modifiers.

	HCPCS Coding Pathway Options
HCPCS Code ²	HCPCS Code Description
Q4122	Dermacell®, Dermacell AWM® and Dermacell AWM Porous, per square centimeter

NOTE: Physician/QHP offices should verify if the payer covers Dermacell AWM and whether they pay for it based on wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) or invoice price.

- If the payer bases payment for Dermacell AWM on WAC, the following information should be included in field 19 of a paper claim or in the narrative field of an electronic claim:
 - ♦ Product name
 - ♦ NDC or UPC code
 - ♦ WAC of product
 - ♦ WAC per sq. cm
 - Source of the WAC (e.g. Red Book)

- If the payer bases payment for Dermacell AWM on invoice price, the following information should be included in field 19 of a paper claim or in the narrative field of an electronic claim:
 - ♦ Product name
 - ♦ Product size (in sq.cn)
 - ♦ Product number
 - ⋄ Invoice price per piece
 - ♦ Shipping cost

CAUTION: Some payers only require the total product invoice cost for a specific patient in the following format (including cents): **INV. \$00.00.**

Product Code Modifiers:

- If the physician/QHP applies (as a graft, not an implant) the entire piece to a patient, for whom the product was purchased by the office, the physician/QHP should report Q4201JC and the total number of sq. cm purchased.
- If the physician/QHP discards a portion of the product purchased by the office for the patient, the physician/QHP should append the JW modifier to the portion of the product code that was discarded.

Example:

1. If 20 sq. cm of the product were purchased by the office for the patient and 15 sq. cm were applied as a graft and 5 sq. cm were discarded, the physician/QHP should report the product code on two claim lines: Q4201JC with 15 units on the first claim line, and Q4201JW with 5 units on the second claim line.

CPT/HCPCS Modifier Options								
Modifier	Description							
-JC	Skin Substitute Used as Graft.							
-JW	Drug Amount Discarded/Not Administered to Any Patient. Used to report wastage when payor guidelines require separate reporting.							



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If you have any questions, please contact the Dermacell Benefits Verification/Pre-Authorization & Coding Hotline: 1-866-562-6349 or LifeNet@thepinnaclehealthgroup.com
References:
1. CPT 2022 Professional Edition, 2019 American Medical Association (AMA); CPT is a trademark of the AMA.
2. MS 2022 PFS Final Rule, www.cms.gov.
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