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Via Email to david.vermeulen@kcc.com

Mr. Vermeulen,

I received your fax (attached) and discussed your request with the other DME MAC medical directors. After further consideration, the Suction Pump LCD will be revised to allow separate payment for both closed and open suction catheters when used with ventilator patients. For both codes, there must be a covered suction pump. In addition, code A4605 (closed suction catheter) will only be reimbursed for beneficiaries using ventilators.

The Suction Pump LCD will be revised in the near future to reflect this change. We appreciate your interest in our policy development process. If we can be of further assistance, feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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