

# 2025 Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers

## WHAT CHANGED?

## CURRENT LCD

## FUTURE EFFECTIVE LCD

<b>Assessments</b>	<p>DFU – Assessment of Type I or II diabetes and management history. Review HbA1C and ABI, diet, nutrition, activity, and physical exam. Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) of no less than 0.60, toe pressure greater than 30 millimeters of mercury (mmHg).</p>	<p>DFU – Assessment of Type I or II diabetes and management history. Review of HbA1C, diet, nutrition, activity, physical exam that includes assessment of skin, ulcer, and vascular perfusion, and assessment of off-loading devices or use of appropriate footwear.</p>
<b>Minimum Size of Ulcer</b>	<p>1 cm<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>No minimum</p>
<b>Smoking Cessation</b>	<p>Ideally, 4 weeks cessation. Smoking cessation counseling.</p>	<p>Smoking history; counseled on effects of smoking on wound healing; outcomes of counseling.</p>
<b>Duration of Ulcer</b>	<p>DFU - 4 weeks VLU - 3 months</p>	<p>4 weeks</p>
<b>Standard of Care</b>	<p>DFU - 4 weeks VLU - 30 days</p>	<p>4 weeks</p>
<b>Treatment Window</b>	<p>12 weeks</p>	<p>12 - 16 weeks. More than 12 weeks will require documentation demonstrating progression of wound closure under current treatment plan.</p>
<b>Allowed Applications</b>	<p>10 applications</p>	<p>8 applications. More than 4 applications must be appended with a -KX modifier.</p>
<b>Switching Products</b>	<p>Allowed</p>	<p>Allowed</p>
<b>Retreatments (new episode of same ulcer)</b>	<p>No retreatment within one year. Retreatment allowed with (defined) medical necessity. Not allowed if &gt; 75% size reduction &amp; smaller than 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>.</p>	<p>The reason(s) for any repeat application should be specifically addressed in the medical record, whether the current treatment plan has resulted in wound healing, and expectation that the wound will continue to heal with this plan. Documentation should include estimated time for extended treatment, number of additional applications anticipated, and plan of care if healing is not achieved as planned.</p>
<b>Wastage</b>	<p>Where multiple sizes of a specific product are available, the size that best fits the wound with the least amount of wastage will be utilized. See LCD for documentation requirements.</p>	<p>Use product in an efficient manner utilizing the most appropriate sized product available at the time of treatment (i.e., if multiple sizes, use size that best fits ulcer to minimize waste). The LCD and Billing &amp; Coding Article has specific guidance around the utilization of the -JW and -JZ modifiers for wastage.</p>
<b>Diagnosis</b>	<p>Addresses DFU/VLU</p>	<p>Addresses DFU/VLU</p>
<b>Diagnosis Lists</b>	<p>No</p>	<p>Included in Billing and Coding Articles.</p>

## EPIFIX AND EPICORD REMAIN COVERED



**EPIFIX**<sup>®</sup>  
 Q-Code: Q4186  
 Covered for: DFUs, VLUs



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 Covered for: DFUs

Access your MAC's LCD, Billing & Coding Article, and other important resources:

[mimedx.info/2025-LCDs](https://mimedx.info/2025-LCDs)



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