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Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) Insurance Coverage Criteria

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Prescription of Ordered Item

1. Wound pump with pressure (70/120/150 mmHg)
2. Dressing Kit (small, medium, or large)
3. Canisters

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Medical Record Documenting:

1. For any type of wound the following must be documented:
 - i. Evaluation, care and wound measurements by a licensed medical professional, AND
 - ii. Application of dressing to maintain a moist wound environment, AND
 - iii. Debridement of necrotic tissues, if present, AND
 - iv. Evaluation and provision for adequate nutritional status
2. Ulcers and wounds encountered in an Inpatient Setting
 - i. NPWT is considered and documented by the treating physician the best available treatment option
 - ii. Complications of a surgically created wound or traumatic wound document that NPWT is medically needed for accelerated formation of granulation tissue which can't be achieved by other topical wound treatments (i.e. wet to dry)
3. Stage III or Stage IV pressure ulcers
 - i. Documentation that the patient has been appropriately turned and positioned, AND
 - ii. Patient has used a group 2 or 3 support surface for pressure ulcers on the, AND posterior trunk or pelvis
 - iii. Patient's moisture and incontinence have been appropriately managed
4. Neuropathic (i.e. diabetic) ulcers:
 - i. Patient has been on a comprehensive diabetic management program, AND
 - ii. Reduction in pressure on a foot ulcer has been accomplished with appropriate modalities
5. Venous Insufficiency Ulcers
 - i. Compression bandages and/or garments have been consistently applied, AND
 - ii. Leg elevation and ambulation have been encouraged

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Letter of Medical Necessity

(Form supplied by Gammie HomeCare if documentation qualifies for coverage)

Special Notes:

- For Gammie HomeCare to accept a wound pump order, there must be a Medicare certified home health agency assisting the patient (Maui – Hale Makua Home Health or Bayada Home Health; Kauai – Ohana Home Health, Stay at Home Healthcare Services)
- For continued insurance coverage beyond the first month, a licensed medical professional must:
 - a. Directly assess the wound(s) being treated with the NPWT pump
 - b. Supervise or directly perform the NPWT dressing changes, AND
 - c. Document the ulcer's dimensions and characteristics