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## **Other Important Contacts:**

- iHeal Access Form postacute@healogics.com
- Consult Request Form HSP@healogics.com
- Customer service for patient billing questions (855) 689 5105.

Healogics is committed to providing a compliant and comprehensive wound care program that enhances your internal nursing care protocol.



## Healogics Specialty Physicians (HSP) Overview of Services



Healogics is the nation's largest world-class wound care provider, delivering compassionate care to more than 300,000 patients each year. Our focus is on providing the highest level of integrated wound care management throughout the continuum of care: post-acute, outpatient and inpatient.

At Healogics, we are bound by our mission to advance wound healing by creating and sharing our wound expertise, everywhere we can, for every patient who would benefit, by the best means available. It is our unending quest to reach and heal the nearly 7 million people suffering from non-healing wounds.

#### At a Glance



Over the past 20 years, we have treated nearly 300,000 patients per year and healed over 4 million wounds.



We serve more than 300 post-acute facilities and over 600 hospital-based Wound Care Centers® across the U.S.

#### **Partnering With Your Facility**

Wounds can yield serious consequences; our providers work with your care team to develop care plans designed to provide optimal healing. The longer a wound goes untreated, the greater the risk of infection, amputation and other complications. These wounds need specialized care since underlying conditions could prevent them from properly healing.

Healogics can help through our:



#### Expertise & Experience

- Wound care treatment requires an extensively trained provider. Healogics leads the industry in specialist training.
- Our providers have access to our clinical practice guidelines which offer best practices to promote high-quality outcomes in all the facilities we serve.



#### Data & Research

- With data on nearly 4 million wounds, Healogics drives scientific advancement and establishes standards for wound care.
- Healogics Wound Science Initiative includes one of the largest databases of chronic wound-specific patient data in the world and provides peer-reviewed research exploring critical advancements.
- We leverage the care and data provided through a network of more than 4,000 specialty-trained physicians.



#### **Wound Treatment Services**

Our goal is to deliver professional, trusted services that heal your patients faster and are seamless for your facility. We accomplish this in a variety of ways.



#### **Robust Offerings And Care**

- There is no charge to your facility. Our professional services are billed directly to the patient's insurance.
- Each patient is guided by a dedicated, specialty-trained provider who works closely with your facility
  wound care nurse.
- · Our provider conducts rounds weekly and consistently on the same day and time.
- · We treat a variety of wound types, skin tears, burns and dermatology issues.
- We can assist your prevention program by consulting on high-risk patients to ensure appropriate interventions are ordered.
- · We offer robust, compliant documentation based on CMS guidelines.
- · Our providers are trained on documentation requirements within CMS guidelines.



- Our professional services include wound assessment, minor procedures, plan of care and wound orders.
- Minor procedures can include debridement, I&D and biopsy.
- · We offer education opportunities for your facility staff.
- · Our proprietary EMR gives you access to the provider notes and orders at any time.
- · We strive for a 24-hour documentation turnaround.



#### Cost Savings

- · We work with your facility's formulary.
- · Our documentation supports Part-B billing.
- · We decrease transportation costs of sending patients elsewhere for care.
- · We help reduce readmissions due to complications related to wounds.



#### **Advanced Wound Care Treatments:**

- · Negative Pressure Wound Therapy
- Wound Debridement
- Biopsy
- Incision and Drainage
- Offloading

#### Scan here to learn more!



Contact our Post-Acute Wound Care Team to get started!

1-888-252-4325

postacute@healogics.com

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## **Wound Types**

#### **Pressure Ulcer**

Stage 4

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

Unstageable

DTI

## **Dermatological**

## **Disorders**

Dermatitis

Tinea Pedis

Tinea Cruris

Tinea Corporis

Candidiasis

Eczema

**Scabies** 

#### **Burns**

## **Arterial/Ischemic**

## <u> Ulcers</u>

Stable

Unstable

Gangrenous

#### **Diabetic Ulcers**

Early onset Progressed

Infected

## **Atypical Skin Disorders**

Pyoderma Gangrenosum

Vasculopathic

Hypercoagulable

Calciphylaxis

Zoster (Shingles)

Vasculitis

## **Non-Healing Surgical Wounds**

Patient can be seen if:

- The provider did not perform the underlying surgery triggering the Global period; and
- The provider is not in the same practice group and specialty as the physician who performed the underlying surgery.
- Please obtain an order from the surgeon for eval and treat for wound care.

## <u>Traumatic Ulcers – Skin Tears</u>

Partial Thickness Full Thickness Friction/Shear

#### **Cellulitis**

Bacterial Yeast/Fungal

Venous Insufficiency

Venous Stasis Dermatitis

**Venous Stasis Ulcers** 

## **Lymphedema Wounds**

## Incontinence Associated Skin Disorders

<u>Disorders</u>

(Including Erythrasma)

## Surgical Wounds - with

Surgeon order for Wound
Care Provider to see

#### **Consultations**

Preventative consults for low Braden score or at-risk for pressure injury



## **Notice of Privacy Practices**

Please post this notice in your facility in an area that is accessible to your residents.

(Full document in Appendix)

## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

#### Healogics

Effective date of this Notice: July 24, 2018

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

HEALOGICS' affiliated covered entities are committed to protecting the privacy and safeguarding the security of your protected health information. When you receive services from HEALOGICS we record information that identifies you and that relates to your medical condition, services that are provided to you, and information required for payment purposes. This information is called Protected Health Information ("PHI"). We are required to maintain the privacy and security of your PHI, to advise you of our legal duties and privacy practices regarding PHI, and to notify you if a breach of your PHI occurs.



## **Consolidated Billing**

We can treat most hospice patients. Please contact your provider or PAAM to discuss the contract your facility has with the hospice provider.

Patients with VA or other payers may also be treated. Please contact your provider or PAAM to discuss the contract your facility has with those payers.

If you have a common local payer, we can request that our provider be enrolled with that insurance.

For any billing questions, our Healogics customer service team may be reached at (855) 689 5105.





## DID YOU KNOW?

## There are a number of services that are excluded from Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing (SNF CB)

#### Excluded Services

Certain services are outside the PPS bundle, and they remain separately billable to Part B when furnished to a SNF resident by an outside supplier. However, bills for these excluded services, when furnished to SNF residents, must contain the SNF's Medicare provider number.

Services that are categorically excluded from SNF CB (for Medicare beneficiaries in a covered Part A stay) are the following:

- Physicians' services furnished to SNF residents. These services are not subject to CB and, thus, are still billed separately to the Part B carrier.
  - o Some physician services include both a professional and a technical component, and the technical component is subject to CB. However, wound care services do not typically include a technical component.
  - Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act specifies that physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy services are subject to CB, regardless of whether they are furnished by (or under the supervision of) a physician or other health care professional. Wound care services do not typically fall into this category.
- Physician assistants working under a physician's supervision;
- Nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists working in collaboration with a physician;
- Certified nurse-midwives:
- Qualified psychologists;
- Certified registered nurse anesthetists;
- Services described in Section 1861(s)(2)(F) of the Social Security Act (i.e., Part B coverage of home dialysis supplies and equipment, self-care home dialysis support services, and institutional dialysis services and supplies);
- Services described in Section 1861(s)(2)(O) of the Social Security Act, i.e., Part B coverage of Epoetin Alfa (EPO, trade name Epogen) for certain dialysis patients. Note: Darbepoetin Alfa (DPA, trade name Aranesp) is now excluded on the same basis as EPO;
- Hospice care related to a resident's terminal condition;
- An ambulance trip that conveys a beneficiary to the SNF for the initial admission, or from the SNF following a final discharge.

#### Sources

Historical Questions & Answers on SNF Consolidated Billing (PDF)

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/ConsolidatedBilling https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-105publ33/pdf/PLAW-105publ33.pdf - see page 165, (ii) Services Excluded

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## **Rounding Process**

## **Weekly In-Person Rounding**

Rounding will be completed on a specific day and time each week determined by the provider and wound care team. This schedule should not change week to week but may temporarily change to accommodate holidays and other needs.

## **Expectations and Best Practice**

- Consult Request Forms need to be submitted as soon as the patient is identified as needing a wound care consult; order to eval and treat for wound care must be on the chart in the facility medical record.
- Before rounding, review wound sheet regarding last week's orders and ensure all patients to be seen are on iHeal calendar; send consult request immediately if needed.

## **Key Points Summary**

- Must have an order on chart to evaluate and treat for wound care
- Send new patient consult form and demographics to HSP@healogics.com 48 hours prior to rounding
- Provider must round with a facility nurse
- Review Rounding Sheet prior to Rounds
- Have patient in bed before entering room
- Post Round Huddle should happen each day after rounding with Administrative Team



## **Rounding Process (continued)**

## **Prior to Rounding**

- Identify patients, obtain order
- Send Consult Request Form for all new patients 48 hours in advance of provider rounding
- Notify provider of potential schedule delays with as much notice as possible; provider will do the same for the facility
- Provide copy of Skin Assessment Sheet; verify all patients are on the iHeal calendar prior to rounding
- Discuss all wounds, orders from last week, and brief overview of changes from Skin Assessment Sheet prior to rounding
- Identify residents on blood thinners
- Have supply cart stocked and available
- Ensure lidocaine is applied as ordered by provider if a debridement is planned
- Coordinate rounding order to accommodate the timely debridement or other patient appointments

## **During Rounds**

- Healogics provider should provide Notice of Privacy Practices under HIPAA to each patient on their first visit
- Have patient ready/in bed before entering the room
- Wound Nurse to undress wound for provider evaluation
- Help reposition patient during evaluation and treatment
- Wound Nurse to redress wounds after evaluation
- Provider and nurse should communicate the wound details with the use of a rounding sheet

## **After Rounds**

- Review plan of care for each patient with provider
- Do a Post Round Huddle with Administrative Team
- Print/scan progress notes from iHeal once documentation is complete
- Place documentation on patient's chart; make available to PCP and Medical Director
- Follow through with any diagnostic testing or outside referral requests



## **Rounding Tool and Post-Round Huddle**

The use of a rounding tool is recommended to ensure that the provider and rounding nurse have a list of patients and wound details available. The intent is to ensure both parties have the same information for their wound assessments. This tool can also be used while doing the post-round huddle. This list is not part of the medical record and should be maintained at the facility.

Post-round huddle is the perfect way to have the leaders in your facility be engaged in your wound care program. The huddle is a brief (5-10 minute) review of any of the following: wounds of concern/regressing, follow up tests, labs, outside arrangements, supplies, orders or intervention needs. It is a good time to address items that may be off formulary or not being addressed as ordered and any concerns or feedback that can help improve the collaboration between the facility and the HSP provider. This conversation should elevate the wound care program because it ensures all parties are aware of goals and plan of care is progressing.

Wound Rounds Date:								
RM	Name	Wound Type /Stage	Wound Location	Old Measurements L x W x D	Current TX	New Measurements L x W x D	Wd Bed description Gran/Slough/Tunneling/Undermining	Order(Tx, Therapy, Supplements, Cushions, Labs)



## **Rounding Options**

## **Traditional In-Person Rounding**

Our preferred wound services are for in person bedside wound care by our HSP physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner on a routine weekly basis along with the facility nurse.

#### **Telehealth Visits**

Our HSP provider can round by a CMS-approved technology/video conference with the facility wound nurse at the patient's bedside.

## **Phone-Only Consults**

Our HSP provider will access the established patient's wound information in the EMR and make wound care recommendations via telephone. Both the facility wound care nurse and the patient must be present on the telephone call. The facility nurse then carries out those orders.



## **How to Register a New Patient**

\*\*All patients need an order to eval and treat for wound care\*\*

Please send via a HIPAA-compliant manner, the SNF Consultation Request and each New Patient demographics sheet/face sheet to <a href="https://example.com/healogics.com/">HSP@healogics.com/</a> 48 hours prior to rounding weekly. This allows for preauthorization required by insurance.

Healogics Preregistration Team will register the new patients on the iHeal calendar prior to rounding each week.

E-F AX this request to 888-507-8933, please make sure your fax machine can send to an e-fax.

Analog FAX requests to 904.204.9067

Emailing the information to <a href="https://example.com">HSP@healogics.com</a> is the most effective way to register new patients.



## **Wound Care & Dermatology**

Phone: 904.446.3701 Fax: 888.507.9833 HSP@Healogics.com

Send Post-Acute Consult Request Form and all patient face sheets to:

1) Preferred Method: <u>HSP@healogics.com</u>

2) Secondary Method: eFax – 1.888.507.9833

3) Last Resort Method: Analog Fax – 904.204.9067

Face Sheet <u>must</u> accompany this form in order to schedule appointment.

In order for your facility to enjoy maximum benefit from its partnership with Healogics Specialty Physicians (HSP), providers can see residents with any skin integrity issue and any wound type not being followed by another provider.

#### Instructions for sending consults:

- Facility to email consult request form and face sheet to HSP Pre-Registration Team via a HIPAA compliant manner.
- 2. Insurance verification is done by HSP Pre-Registration Team. The facility will be contacted if there is need for its involvement in obtaining PCP authorization.
- 3. The patient will be added to the iHeal schedule for the next scheduled visit date by provider.
- 4. Patients will be seen as soon as practicable, allowing pre-authorization to occur when necessary.

Facility Name:		State:
Facility Phone number:		
Name of Person Faxing Consult(s):		
Name of Wound Care Provider:		
Next Scheduled Visit Date:		
Number of Face Sheets:	Total Number of Pages:	

Note: Please make sure there is an order for eval and treat for wound care on the chart before sending in consult request.

If you have questions, your Post-Acute Care Team can be reached at <a href="mailto:postacute@healogics.com">postacute@healogics.com</a> or 1-888-252-4325.

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## **Procedure Informed Consent**

For procedures such as debridement and biopsy, a Skilled Nursing Informed Consent will be obtained at the time of service, signed by either the patient or responsible party. Facility staff may need to help facilitate consent from Power of Attorney.

The provider will explain the risk and benefits of the procedure. The consent is valid while the wound is open. Multiple wounds may be listed on the consent as long as the wound is present at the time of the consent. A copy of the Informed Consent can be obtained by the facility via iHeal.

Verbal consent is acceptable as long as the provider and facility nurse document on the consent whom they spoke to and the date and time of the conversation. If the wound heals or the patient discharges a new consent should be obtained.



## **Discharge Planning**

It is important that the wound care team including the HSP provider are aware of any discharge plans.

- The provider/ facility should coordinate patient's orders in a manner that continues wound healing after discharge.
- Ensure patients have support and proper equipment at their next place of service to care for their wound, regardless if that setting is home, outpatient wound care center, or other location.
- The proper discharge plan will help the patient on their road to wound healing as well as decrease their chances for readmission to the hospital or nursing home.



## **Supplies**

## **HSP Supplies and Facility Supply Cart**

## **HSP Supplies**

#### **Instruments**

- Curettes (disposable)
- Scalpels (disposable)
- Biopsy Punch (disposable)

## Anesthesia/blood clotting

- Silver nitrate applicators
- Other clotting materials/applicators

## **Facility Supply Cart**

- Gauze loafs (4x4) and tape
- Border gauze
- Sharps container and red trash bags
- Disinfecting wipes, drape or towel for clean field
- Swab cultures
- Dressing supplies for currently ordered treatments

## How to order Lidocaine:

- Must be ordered through facility pharmacy under the patient's name.
- Helpful to stock one dose of Lidocaine 2% Gel in the facility emergency kit.



## **Healogics Services vs. Med B/DME Suppliers**

Healogics Specialty Physicians is a provider-based program that links the post-acute facilities and patients to trained physicians, nurse practitioners, and other medically licensed clinicians depending on state scope of services. The provider manages wound care for the patient and provides the facility orders and supporting documentation for the plan of care.

Durable Medical Equipment/Part B biller companies provide the supplies to patients through the patient's Med B benefit or insurance. The DME company uses the provider's order and documentation to justify the reimbursement for those supplies. The provider's documentation may be given to the Med B company by the facility but the DME may not have direct access to the Healogics EMR.



## **Prevention Program**

## **Provider Consult for High-Risk Patient**

**Purpose:** Ensure prevention measures and supportive documentation are in place to address patients at high-risk for developing pressure injuries. This should be a proactive collaboration between the provider and facility.

**Process:** Facility performs the skin risk assessment. Patients identified as high risk for skin breakdown should be referred to the Healogics provider following the facility's standard referral process. The provider and the wound care team will evaluate current interventions and make additions or changes. The provider will document contributing risk factors and the preventative measures that have been implemented.



## Skin Assessment Toolkit

This toolkit contains tools that the facility may use at their preference in combination with their facility's policies. While Healogics Specialty Physicians cannot be directly involved in your facility's skin sweeps, we would like to be notified when these occur.

The facility should use their process for head-to-toe assessments for skin abnormalities to ensure all areas are noted and interventions are in place.

Head to toe assessment recommendations are completed upon admission or readmission, and weekly or more frequently as defined by facility's risk assessment policy. The facility may determine the need to perform a skin sweep on a non-routine frequency.



## **Recommendations for a Comprehensive Skin Assessment**

## 1. Pay special attention to

- Skin beneath and around any device or compression stocking
- Bony prominences (heels, sacrum, hips, shoulder blades, back of the head)
- Skin to skin areas (penis, backs of knees, thighs, buttocks)
- All areas where a patient lacks sensation to feel pain or had previous breakdown

## 2. Parameters of assessment

- Skin temperature-warmth or coolness can indicate damage
- Skin turgor (firmness)-skin should return to original state when stretched/tented dehydration or older skin can lack turgor which increases risk for breakdown
- Skin color-compare adjacent areas of skin for color, redness can indicate injury, rash, infection;
- Skin moisture-skin that is too dry or too wet can be of concern
- Skin Integrity-note any non-intact skin and describe. Work with provider to determine etiology
- 3. Notify Healogics Provider if facility is conducting a skin assessment sweep so provider can ensure weekly rounding schedule is adjusted.



## **Obtaining iHeal Access**

- Initial access will be given to appropriate staff, typically Administrator, DON, ADON, and Wound Nurse.
- Access can be added for staff as needs arise.
- As roles change or staff is terminated, notify the Post-Acute Care Team to remove access.
- If you forget your password or get locked out of your account, please email <u>postacute@healogics.com</u>
- All passwords will need to be changed every 30 days.
- Account access will expire after 60 days of nonactivity.
- Access forms need to be sent to <a href="mailto:postacute@healogics.com">postacute@healogics.com</a>.
- Electronic Access forms can be found at:\_ https://www.healogics.com/skilled-nursing-facilities/

Go to the bottom of the website to

Need access to i-Heal?

**Download Access Form** 

Save as a PDF

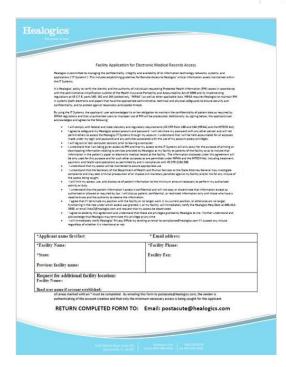
Fill out information

Need access to

i-heal®?



DOWNLOAD ACCESS FORM





#### Facility Application for Electronic Medical Records Access

Healogics is committed to managing the confidentiality, integrity and availability of its information technology networks, systems, and applications ("IT Systems"). This includes establishing guidelines for Remote Access to Healogics' critical information assets maintained within the IT Systems.

It is Healogics' policy to verify the identity and the authority of individuals requesting Protected Health Information (PHI) access in accordance with the administrative simplification subtitle of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. parts 160, 162 and 164 (collectively, "HIPAA") as well as other applicable laws. HIPAA requires Healogics to maintain PHI in systems (both electronic and paper) that have the appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to ensure security and confidentiality, and to protect against reasonably-anticipated threats.

By using the IT Systems, the applicant/ user acknowledges his or her obligation to maintain the confidentiality of patient data as required by HIPAA regulations and that unauthorized users or improper use of PHI will be prosecuted. Additionally, by signing below, the applicant/user acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- I will comply with federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (HIPAA) and the HITECH Act).
- I agree to safeguard my Healogics access account and password. I will not share my password with any other person and will not permit others to access the Healogics IT Systems through my account. I understand that I will be held accountable for all accesses made under my login and password and any activities associated with the use of my account access privileges.
- I will log out or lock computer sessions prior to leaving a computer.
- I understand that I am being given access to PHI and that my access to the IT Systems will only occur for the purpose of printing or
  downloading information relating to services provided by Healogics at my facility to patients of the facility so as to include that
  information in the patient's paper or electronic medical record at the facility. The information disclosed under this agreement will be
  only used for this purpose and for such other purposes as are permitted under HIPAA and the HITECH Act, including treatment,
  payment, and health care operations as permitted by and in compliance with 45 CFR §164.506
- I understand that my access will be monitored to assure appropriate use
- I understand that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the State Attorney General may investigate
  complaints and may seek criminal prosecution of or impose civil monetary penalties against my facility and/or me for any misuse of
  the access being sought.
- I will limit my access, use, and disclosure of patient information to the minimum amount necessary to perform my authorized activity
  or duty.
- I understand that the patient information I access is confidential and will not copy or disseminate that information except as authorized or allowed or required by law. I will discuss patient, confidential, or restricted information only with those who have a need-to-know and the authority to receive the information.
- I agree that if I terminate my position with the facility or no longer work in my current position, or otherwise am no longer functioning in the role under which access was granted, I, or my facility, will immediately notify the Healogics Help Desk at 866-412-3680, or email iheal2@healogics.com and request that my access be deactivated
- I agree to abide by this agreement and understand that these are privileges granted by Healogics to me. I further understand and
  acknowledge that Healogics may terminate this privilege at any time.
- I will immediately notify Healogics' Privacy Officer by sending an email to compliance@healogics.com if I suspect any misuse regardless of whether it is intentional or not.

*Applicant name first/last:	*Title/Role at Facility:	
* Email address:		
*Facility Name:	*Facility Phone:	
*State:	Facility Fax:	
Previous facility name:		
Request for additional facility locations		
Facility Names:		
Theal user name if account established:		

All areas marked with an \* must be completed. By emailing this form to postacute@healogics.com, the sender is authenticating of the account creation and that only the minimum necessary access is being sought for the Applicant.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: Email: postacute@healogics.com



## **How to Batch Print Progress Notes**

https://iheal.healogics.com/Security/Login



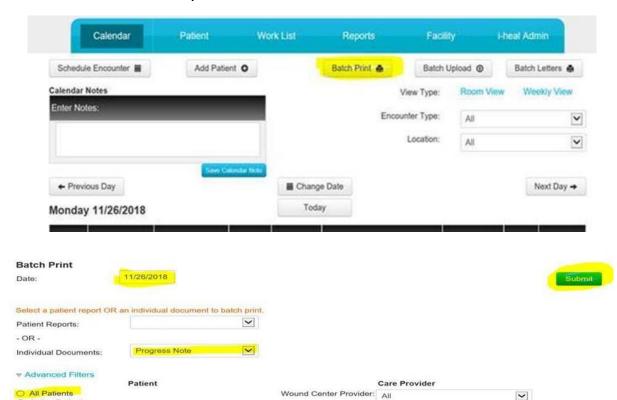
Batch printing is located on the Calendar screen.

Pick the date of service

All Patients

Active Patients Inactive Patients

- Under Individual Documents, choose Progress Notes, then submit. This will print all the patients for that day.
- If you need to print a single patient, use advance filters at the bottom, choose a patient, then submit.



Case Manager:

All

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## **Process for Obtaining Medical Records After Terminated Services**

If either party chooses to terminate the services outlined in the service agreement, then a confirmed last rounding date will be agreed upon. The facility should access I-Heal and print all progress notes from the service period and place into the patient medical record. At an agreed upon date, the facility members' access to I-Heal will be locked.

For any future medical record needs after the agreed upon date, all medical records request will need to completed by accessing the authorization for medical records and email to medrecords@healogics.com

You may access the request form by going to the Healogics website at https://www.healogics.com/medical-records/



## AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

PATIENT NAME							
ADDRESS							
CITY/STATE/ZIP	PHO	PHONE NUMBER					
DATE OF BIRTH / /	HOS	PITAL NAME					
I authorize Healogics to use or di	sclose protected health in	formation as described below					
<b>Information About Who Is Auth</b>	orized to Purp	Purpose of the Use/Disclosure					
<b>Receive Patient's Information</b>	(Che	(Check at least one)					
NAME		INSURANCE					
ADDRESS 1		ATTORNEY					
		AT THE REQUEST OF THE					
ADDRESS 2		☐ INDIVIDUAL					
CITY, STATE, ZIP		OTHER (SPECIFY)					
PHONE NO.							
EMAIL ADDRESS (if electronic of	disclosure)						
Description of Inf	formation Authorized to I	Be Used/Disclosed					
	(Check all that apply)						
	aboratory Reports	Progress Notes  Nursing Information					
	Record Summary Imaging Reports (like x-rays, CTs, MRIs)						
Discharge Summary Pa	Billing Records						
Physician Orders O	Medication Records						
Date Range of Information	All Dates of Service						
to Be Used/Disclosed	Specific Date Range						
St	eart Date / /	End date / /					
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**Patient Information** 

## By signing this authorization, I agree to the following:

- ➤ I understand if I authorize protected health information to be released to a party not subject to federal privacy laws, it is possible the information may be re-disclosed by the recipient and the information may no longer be protected under privacy laws.
- ➤ I understand that authorizing the use and/or disclosure of this health information is voluntary and that I am not required to sign this authorization. I understand I do not need to sign this form in order to receive treatment.



## AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

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- ➤ I understand that if I request an electronic copy of my medical records and the information is given to me on unencrypted media (such as a flash drive or CD), I should protect the media, because the information is not protected from being accessed if it is lost or stolen.

1	months from the date on which it was signed, unless se specified date, event, or condition:
Signature of Patient or Personal Representative	Date
If not signed by patient, list personal representative's authority to act for the patient	

A copy of this authorization must be provided to the patient/personal representative.



## **Wound Education**

Healogics offers several options for education:

- Kick-off-training of staff prior to initial start of contract and repeated as needed
- Provider-led bedside education during rounding
- Online training (see next page)
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Quick Reference

## **Pressure Injury Stages**

#### Stage I:



Intact skin with non-blanchable redness of a localized area, usually over a bony prominence.

#### Stage III:



Full thickness tissue loss. Subcutaneous fat may be visible but bone, tendon or muscle are not exposed.

#### **Deep Tissue Injury**



Purple or maroon localized area of discolored intact skin or blood-filled blister due to damage of underlying soft tissue from pressure and/ or shear.

#### Stage II:



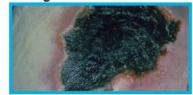
Partial thickness loss of dermis presenting as a shallow open ulcer with a red-pink wound bed, without slough.

#### Stage IV:



Full thickness tissue loss with exposed bone, tendon or muscle.

#### Unstageable:



Full thickness tissue loss in which the base of the ulcer is covered by slough (yellow, tan, gray, green or brown) and/or eschar (tan, brown or black) in the wound bed.



# **APPENDIX**

## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

## Healogics

Effective date of this Notice: July 24, 2018

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

HEALOGICS' affiliated covered entities are committed to protecting the privacy and safeguarding the security of your protected health information. When you receive services from HEALOGICS we record information that identifies you and that relates to your medical condition, services that are provided to you, and information required for payment purposes. This information is called Protected Health Information ("PHI"). We are required to maintain the privacy and security of your PHI, to advise you of our legal duties and privacy practices regarding PHI, and to notify you if a breach of your PHI occurs.

#### How We May Use or Disclose Your PHI

We may use or disclose your PHI verbally, on paper, or electronically as allowed by state and federal law. Examples of how we may use and disclose your PHI include:

- Treatment. We may use and disclose your PHI to provide you medical care and services. For
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  and related services.
- 2. Payment. We may use and disclose your PHI as necessary for activities relating to payment for health care services rendered to you. For instance, we may disclose your PHI to your health insurance company to obtain payment. We may also disclose your PHI for verification of benefits.
- 3. Health Care Operations. We may use and disclose your PHI for our health care operations. These uses and disclosures allow us to continually improve the quality of your care. For example, we may use and disclose your PHI to review our treatment and services and evaluate the performance of our staff.
- As Required by Law. We will disclose your information when we are required to do so by federal, state, or local law.
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- 6. To Report Abuse. We may disclose your PHI if we reasonably believe you are a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence. We will make this report only in accordance with laws that require or allow such reporting or with your permission.
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- 8. Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. We may disclose PHI in response to an order of a court or administrative agency. We may also disclose PHI in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process once we have received adequate assurances efforts have been made to tell you about the request and you had the opportunity to object to the request.
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  criminal activity.
- 10. Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Cadaveric Donations. We may disclose your PHI in an effort to determine cause of death, to funeral directors to assist them in carrying out their duties, and to organ procurement organizations (for organ, eye, or tissue donation).
- 11. Research Purposes. We may use or disclose your PHI in connection with medical research projects if allowed under federal and state laws and regulations. We may disclose PHI for use in a limited data set for purposes of research, public health, or health care operations, but only if a data use agreement has been signed.
- 12. Specialized Government Functions. We may disclose your PHI for a number of specialized purposes including national security and intelligence purposes; for military and veteran activities; for protective services for the President and others; and to a correctional institution or law enforcement officials to provide the inmate with health care, to protect the health and safety of the inmate and others, and for the safety, administration, and maintenance of the correctional institution.
- 13. Workers' Compensation. We may disclose your PHI to your employer for purposes of workers' compensation and work site safety laws.
- 14. Disaster Relief. We may disclose your PHI to organizations engaged in emergency and disaster relief efforts.
- 15. Fundraising. We may contact you as part of a fundraising effort. You will have the opportunity to opt out of receiving future fundraising communications if you receive written fundraising communications from us.

- 16. To Avert a Serious Threat. We may disclose your PHI if we believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent serious harm to the public or to an individual. The disclosure will only be made to someone who is able to prevent or reduce the threat.
- 17. Family and Friends. We may disclose your PHI to a member of your family or to someone else who is involved in your medical care or payment for care. We may notify family or friends if you are in the hospital and tell them of your general condition. This may include telling a family member about the status of a claim or what benefits you are eligible to receive. In the event of a disaster, we may provide information about you to a disaster relief organization so they can notify your family of your condition and location. We will not disclose your information to family or friends if you object. We may also disclose PHI to your personal representatives who have authority to act on your behalf (for example, to parents of minors or to someone with a power of attorney).
- 18. Information to Patient. We may use your PHI to provide you with additional information. This may include sending appointment reminders to the phone, address, or e-mail that you have furnished to us or the hospital where you are being treated. This may also include giving you information about treatment options, alternative settings for care, or other health-related services.
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## Contact Us

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#### Privacy Officer

Healogics, Inc. 5220 Belfort Rd. Suite 130 Jacksonville, Florida 32256 compliance@Healogics.com 904.446.3400 (Main Line) 904.446.3046 (Fax)

Anonymous Ethics & Compliance Helpline: 888.999.9460

Wound Rounds Date:

RM	Name	Wound Type /Stage	Wound Location	Old Measurements L x W x D	Current TX	New Measurements L x W x D	Wd Bed description Gran/Slough/Tunneling/Undermining	Order (Tx, Therapy, Supplements, Cushions, Labs)

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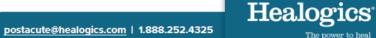
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## **TOPICAL WOUND CARE PRODUCTS**

<b>Dressing Category</b>	Functions	Use	Product			
Alginate	Absorption, moist wound healing, autolytic debridement, hemostasis	Moderate to heavy drainage	DermaGinate Silver version: DermaGinate/Ag			
Bordered Gauze	Absorption, protection, securement of primary dressing	Primary or secondary dressing	Bordered Gauze, Sterile Bordered Gauze			
CMC Gelling Fiber	Moist wound healing, autolytic debridement, highly absorbent.	Primary dressing	AquaRite Extra CMC			
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Composite	Absorption, protection, securement of primary dressing	Primary or secondary (cover) dressing	DermaDress, DermaView II Island			
Compression	Management of chronic venous insufficiency, venous ulcers	Use as directed by a physician order	FlexPress4, FlexPress2, FlexPress2 Lite, CoFlex, UnnaRite w/Zinc, UnnaRite w/Zinc and Calamine			
Contact Layer	Protects wound bed from trauma associated with dressing changes	Primary dressing	ComfiTel Silver Contact Layer: SilverDerm7			
Foam	Absorption, moist wound healing, autolytic debridement, supports normothermia	Moderate to heavy drainage and/or fragile periwound skin. Primary or secondary dressing	Bordered Foam, HydraFoam, DermaFoam, DermLevin, DermaBlue+			
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Skin Prep	Moisture barrier, protection of fragile periwound skin	-	StingFree, DermaPrep			
Super Absorptive Gelling Core	Multi-layer, highly absorbent, non-adherent	Moderate to heavy drainage.	HydraLock SA			
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## **Facility Process for Ancillary Services**

(Facility can add who they use for labs, radiology, vascular studies and other services here)



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(Facility can add list for local home health agencies and **Wound Care Centers)** 



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(Facility should add their formula list for products)



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