

OASIS Alert

Clip-N-Save: Are You Struggling To Avoid Wound Care Downcoding?

An RHHI tells you how to prevent it.

Avoid medical downcodes relating to wounds by using the wound care flowsheet to identify and classify wounds, suggests regional home health intermediary **Palmetto GBA**. Contradictory information in M0230, M0440, M0450, M0460, M0476 and M0488 frequently leads to downcoding and lower reimbursement than agencies expected, Palmetto notes in its February Part A Advisory.

Editor's Note: To see the advisory go to www.pgba.com/index.html and put "wound care flowsheet" in the search box.