



**HELICOLL**<sup>®</sup>  
High Cost Skin Substitute



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## Medicare Recognized Helicoll as a High-Cost skin substitute Continuously since 2017

Medicare has confirmed the recognition of Helicoll (Q4164) as a high-cost skin substitute with relevant Supportive Codes. This fact has not been properly captured in most software systems. We urge all Medical coding and billing software companies to acknowledge Helicoll as a High-cost skin substitute in their systems. Please find below the official confirmation from Medicare on the same.

### **Official confirmation from Medicare To All Medical Billing and Coding Software Companies**

Joshua McFeeters, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Outpatient Care - Center for Medicare (Tel. 410-786-9732 & Email: [joshua.mcfeeters@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:joshua.mcfeeters@cms.hhs.gov)) has informed via email to Dr. Guna, President, Encoll Corporation, that he has reviewed all of the OPSS Final Rules since 2016 when the HCPCS code (Q4164) for Helicoll was established, and he was able to confirm that Helicoll has been assigned to the high-cost skin substitute group continuously since 2017. Helicoll should be billed in conjunction with CPT codes 15271 – 15278 and should not be billed with HCPCS codes C5271 – C5278. The OPSS Final Rule from CY 2016 to CY 2020 in the CMS website can be accessed by visiting below:

[Click Here](#)

Request to adopt correct coding for Q4164  
To All Medical Billing and Coding Software Companies



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Q-4164

Medical Coding & Billing Software

We request again to all Medical Coding/Billing software system administrators to change the reimbursement info for Helicoll skin Substitute with Q4164code as follows as prescribed by Medicare:

Q4164 Code Tips: "Helicoll™ has been assigned to the high-cost skin substitute group continuously since 2017. Helicoll should be billed in conjunction with CPT codes 15271 – 15278 and should not be billed with HCPCS codes C5271 – C5278. There is no separate payment for Helicoll in the OPPS. The assignment to the high-cost skin substitute group means the product will be packaged with procedures in the CPT code range of 15271 – 15278 and those procedure codes are assigned to an APC category."

The above Medicare message has already convinced the software authority, Sandy Krokaugger, Product Manager at AAPC software admin (Tel: 801-236-2200 Ext:252 & [email:sandra.krokaugger@aapc.com](mailto:sandra.krokaugger@aapc.com)), and have updated their software to adopt the changes to AAPC Coder and SuperCoder.com programs. With this message we strongly insist the correction to be adopted in your coding software systems too, to make your data accurate. Thank you!

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