

## Payment Policy | Coding and Claim Filing Requirements for Drugs



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### OVERVIEW

This policy documents BCBSRI's claim filing requirements for medical drug claims for both professional and facility providers for both Commercial and Medicare Advantage Plans.

### MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable

### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### Commercial and Medicare Advantage Plans

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2022, BCBSRI requires drugs for all claims to be filed with both a valid HCPCS/CPT code and appropriate National Drug code (NDC). Pricing will be determined off the HCPCS/CPT code and the unit of measure shall be the HCPCS/CPT code.

National Drug Code (NDC) numbers are an industry standard identifying number for drugs. NDC numbers provide the information pertaining to the medication administered.

If there is no valid HCPCS/CPT code for the drug administered, the appropriate not otherwise classified (unlisted) HCPCS/CPT code should be used. All unlisted HCPCS/CPT codes should continue to be submitted with the 11-digit NDC number. Unlisted codes should ONLY be used when there is not a valid HCPCS/CPT code for the drug administered. Pricing will be determined by the NDC code for claims submitted with an unlisted HCPCS code and the unit of measure shall be the NDC.

Effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2022, the following is required for all claims filing for drugs:

1. A valid and current HCPCS/CPT code
2. A valid 11-digit NDC number
3. NDC must match medication administered to patient
4. NDC must match HCPCS/CPT billed

**Example:** Leuprolide Acetate, Per 7.5 MG

**J-Code:** J9217

**Unit of Measure:** 7.5 MG

**Dose Administered:** 22.5 MG

**Units Billed:** 3

**NDC:** 00074-3642-03

1. Claims filed with a valid drug HCPCS/CPT code ONLY/alone (no NDC number), will not be accepted for processing.
2. Claims filed with a valid NDC code without HCPCS/CPT code, will not be accepted for processing.
3. Claims filed with both a valid HCPCS/CPT code AND an NDC code will be accepted for processing.
4. Drug claims filed with an **unlisted** HCPCS/CPT code\* and an NDC will be accepted for processing and priced using the NDC.

\*These scenarios are limited and should only be filed when the NDC has no corresponding valid HCPCS/CPT code.

**Note:** All claims filed are subject to audit and subsequent recovery of payment if it is determined that the HCPCS/CPT code, NDC, or combination of both are used inappropriately and/or the incorrect unit of measure has been used.

#### **COVERAGE**

Not applicable

#### **BACKGROUND**

Not applicable

#### **CODING**

Not applicable

#### **RELATED POLICIES**

Not applicable

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#### **REFERENCES**

Not applicable

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