



Provider Notice

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Billing for Procedure Codes Involving Administered Drugs

Summary:

Proper billing procedure codes involving drugs must include a valid NDC number, unit of measure, and valid quantity when submitting claims for payment.

What this means to you:

In accordance to Section 2501(c)(1)(C)(III) of the Social Security Act, Virginia Premier Health Plan Inc. (VPH) requires encounters to include the actual National Drug Code (NDC) on the package or container from which the drug was administered and the appropriate drug-related HCPCS physician administered code. Unless otherwise specified by VPH in supporting documentation, the quantity of each NDC submitted, including strength and package size, and the unit of measurement qualifier (UN, ML, ME, GR or F2) is also required. Each HCPCS physician administered code must be submitted with a valid NDC on each claim line. If the drug administered is comprised of more than one ingredient (i.e., compound or same drug different strength, etc.), each NDC must be represented on a claim line using the same HCPCS physician administered code.

While this is not a new policy, we at Virginia Premier Health Plan Inc. would like to update providers of the renewed enforcement of the pre-existing policy. Any claims submitted without the required information will be denied by VPH.

Preferred NDC Units of measure and their descriptions:

UN (Unit): Powder for injection (needs to be reconstituted), pellet, kit, patch, tablet, device

ML (Milliliter): Liquid, solution, or suspension

ME (Milligrams): Used to identify milligrams as the NDC unit of measure

GR (Gram): Ointments, creams, inhalers, or bulk powder in a jar

F2 (International Unit): Products described as IU/vial or micrograms

***Note: Virginia Premier Health Plan Inc. validates NDC numbers against Redbook and First Databank**

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Services. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 804-819-5151 or Toll-free 800-727-7536.

Thank you for continuing to provide quality care to our members.