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National Drug Code Requirement

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National Drug Code (NDC) Required

Effective for dates of service on or after August 30, 2020, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will require the National Drug Code (NDC) on claims for all medications.

Claims must have the exact NDC that appears on the product administered. The NDC is located on the medication's packaging. The NDC on the claim must be in a 5 digit - 4 digit - 2 digit format (example: 12345-6789-12). If the NDC does not appear in the 5-4-2 digit format on the packaging, a zero(s) (0) may be entered in front of the section that does not have the required number of digits.

Claim Submission

Drug claims submitted on an electronic Professional or Institutional ASC X12 837 Health Care claim transaction or manually entered on a medical or outpatient claim into eMOMED, are to be billed with a valid HCPCS procedure code and a valid NDC (if required) for each medication. Medical or outpatient claim lines submitted with a drug HCPCS procedure code, without a corresponding NDC, when required, will be denied (see paragraph below for information about verifying if a HCPCS code requires an NDC).

For claims including an NDC, the system will generate a separate drug claim for the NDC to process as a pharmacy claim. The pharmacy claim will appear as a separate claim on your Remittance Advice. The corresponding line with HCPCS procedure code and NDC will be dropped from the medical or outpatient claim.

For drugs without a valid HCPCS procedure code, revenue code 0250 "General Classification: Pharmacy" must be used with the appropriate NDC. If a claim is denied because the required

NDC was not included, the HCPCS code will still remain on the denied claim for your reference.

Providers can reference the MHD Fee Schedule at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/cptagree.htm> to verify if an NDC is required for a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code. Read the License for Use of Physicians' CPT and select "accept"; then follow the directions given on the MHD Price List Search. The pricing indicator 'D' will indicate HCPCS procedure codes requiring an NDC.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the MO HealthNet ID card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896