

# Quick Points



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## Information needed when submitting unlisted drug codes

In compliance with HIPAA requirements when submitting an unlisted injection code, such as the therapeutic injection codes 96379 or J3490, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) needs certain information to appropriately adjudicate and price the claim.

The drug name and dosage must be included on each claim, as well as the National Drug Code (NDC) number. This information is reported starting in the loop 2400/NTE segment narrative field for electronic claims. However, additional information should be submitted if the drug charge is \$50.00 or over. The NDC, drug name, dosage, amount dispensed, and the route of administration should be submitted. This is to assure we not only pay the drug correctly but have the correct drug. All of this information is not included as part of the NDC.

As an additional reminder, the unit for an unlisted code is always one (1), and the drug administration charge should be submitted separately.

### Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursement is subject to changes, updates or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (for example, HCPCS, CPT, ICD-9-CM), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

### Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.