



## REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

### Injections

Active

**Policy Number:** General Coding - 038  
**Policy Title:** Injections  
**Section:** General Coding  
**Effective Date:** 07/01/16

**Product:**  Commercial  FEP  Medicare Advantage  Platinum Blue

#### Description

This policy addresses Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota's reimbursement for therapeutic and diagnostic injections.

#### Definitions

Therapeutic or diagnostic injections may be subcutaneous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, or intravenous. These codes do not include injections for allergen immunotherapy or immunizations.

**J Code Drugs:** HCPCS J codes include drugs that ordinarily cannot be self-administered, chemotherapy drugs, immunosuppressive drugs, inhalation solutions, and other miscellaneous drugs and solutions.

#### Policy Statement

##### Injectable Drug

Submit the HCPCS Level II code that best describes the injection given in terms of the drug and dosage. Codes for injections include the charge for the drug only. When the dosage given is greater than that listed, use the units field to specify the appropriate number of units according to code definition found in the HCPCS manual.

For example: *The patient received 8 mg. of haloperidol. The common dosage for haloperidol (J1630) is "up to 5 mg" 2 UOS should be submitted. The dosage is rounded up to the next unit.*

##### COVID-19 Therapeutic Infusions

The Federal Government is currently funding the following COVID-19 monoclonal antibody (MAB) drugs which will be distributed to states, health care providers, and pharmacies free of charge: Q0220 and Q0221. As part of this distribution, the Federal Government will prohibit any provider who receive these COVID-19 MAB drugs from balance billing the member. Blue Cross discourages providers from billing the plan for COVID-19 monoclonal antibody drugs supplied by the government. Blue Cross will however reimburse for the infusion of COVID-19 MAB drugs billed with HCPCS codes M0220, M0221, M0222, M0223, M0249 and M0250 except in restricted places of service (see page 2).



## **Administration**

**Medicare Advantage/Platinum Blue:** Follow CMS guidelines.

### **Commercial:**

Choose the appropriate administration code for the route of administration 96372-96377.

It is inappropriate to bill an intravenous injection in addition to an intravenous infusion on the same date of service when an injection is administered through the same line as the infusion. The provider may submit the infusion or the injection, but **not both**.

Administration code(s) should be appropriate to the drug(s) injected. 96372 is not a separately reimbursable service when billed with an office visit.

The administration charge should be submitted separately. Codes 96379 and J3490 are for unlisted therapeutic injections. The NDC (if available) or drug name and dosage must be included on each claim.

Report the NDC (if available) or drug name and dosage starting in the loop 2400/NTE segment narrative field for electronic claims.

### **Supplies used in conjunction with therapeutic administrations**

Syringes, needles, or other supplies (A4206-A4209) used in conjunction with administering any injection, including therapeutic or diagnostic, are considered integral to that administration and will be denied as incidental to the administration.

### **Surgical Injections**

Performed as stand-alone procedures/services, the injections should be submitted with the appropriate CPT code for the administration of the injection. In addition, submit the HCPCS Level II code for the drug. If no specific HCPCS code exists for the drug, submit J3490 with a narrative indicating the NDC (if available) or drug name and dosage.

When surgical injections are performed as part of a surgical procedure, submit the HCPCS Level II code for the drug. The administration of the injection is considered part of the surgical procedure itself and should not be submitted separately.

### **Appealing Unlisted Drug Allowances**

Unlisted drug codes, such as J3490, should **only** be submitted if there is no other code that describes the drug given. All unlisted drugs must be submitted with a narrative and dosage or NDC and are manually priced. There may be times when the invoice cost of the drug may be significantly higher than our allowance. In this case, a provider may submit an appeal for additional reimbursement using the normal appeal process as described in the Provider Policy and Procedure Manual, Chapter 10, Appeals. To facilitate the appeal review, the drug invoice must be submitted with the appeal for consideration. Additional reimbursement will not be considered without the invoice.

### **Injection Place of Service Restrictions**

Blue Cross will not allow professional 837P charges for therapeutic, prophylactic and diagnostic injections when rendered in certain places of service. Professional services (837P) submitted with a facility place of service (such as 21, 22 or 23), will deny as provider liability.

## Documentation Submission

Documentation must identify and describe the drug, dosage and reason administered.

## Coverage

Eligible services will be subject to the subscriber benefits, Blue Cross fee schedule amount and any coding edits.

### The following applies to all claim submissions.

All coding and reimbursement is subject to all terms of the Provider Service Agreement and 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 (HCPCS, CPT, ICD), only codes valid for the date of service may be submitted or accepted. Reimbursement for all Health Services is subject to current Blue Cross Medical Policy criteria, policies found in the Provider Policy and Procedure Manual sections, Reimbursement Policies and all other provisions of the Provider Service Agreement (Agreement).

In the event that any new codes are developed during the course of Provider's Agreement, such new codes will be paid according to the standard or applicable Blue Cross fee schedule until such time as a new agreement is reached and supersedes the Provider's current Agreement.

All payment for codes based on Relative Value Units (RVU) will include a site of service differential and will be calculated using the appropriate facility or non-facility components, based on the site of service identified, as submitted by Provider.

## Coding

The following codes are included below for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply subscriber coverage or provider reimbursement.

<b>CPT/HCPCS Modifier:</b>	N/A
<b>ICD-10 Diagnosis:</b>	N/A
<b>ICD-10 Procedure:</b>	N/A
<b>CPT/HCPCS:</b>	Refer to <i>Appendix</i>
<b>Revenue Codes:</b>	N/A
<b>Deleted Codes:</b>	N/A

## Cross Reference

**Cross Reference:** General Coding – 005 Unlisted Procedure Code Policy

Policy History	
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## APPENDIX

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