

## Physician-Administered Drugs – NDC: UB-04 Billing Instructions

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This section contains information to help providers bill accurately for physician-administered drugs on the *UB-04* claim form with a National Drug Code (NDC). For general policy information, refer to the *Physician-Administered Drugs: NDC* section in this manual.

### **NDC Format**

An NDC number on a drug container consists of digits in a 5-4-2 format. Hyphens (-) separate the number into three segments. Although, an NDC on a drug container may have fewer than 11 digits, an 11-digit number must be entered on the claim. An NDC entered on the claim must have five digits in the first segment, four digits in the second segment, and two digits in the last segment. The first five digits of an NDC identify the manufacturer of the drug and are assigned by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The remaining digits are assigned by the manufacturer and identify the specific product and package size.

Placeholder zeros must be entered on the claim wherever digits are needed to complete a segment.

Here are examples of entering placeholder zeroes on the claim:

Package NDC	Zero Fill	11-digit NDC
1234-1234-12	(01234-1234-12)	01234123412
12345-123-12	(12345-0123-12)	12345012312
2-22-2	(00002-0022-02)	00002002202

## **Entering NDCs on UB-04**

In Box 43, enter the product ID qualifier N4 followed by the 11-digit NDC. Omit spaces and hyphens. Directly following the last digit of the NDC (no space), enter the two-character unit of measure qualifier followed by the numeric quantity. Unit of measure qualifier and numeric quantity are optional. Absence of these two elements will not result in claim denial. Omit the decimal point when entering the number on the claim. Refer to the following example.

42 REV. CD.	43 DESCRIPTION	44 HCPCS / RATE / HIPPS CODE	45 SERV. DATE	46 SERV. UNITS	47 TOTAL CHARGES
1	N400062179615UN000028000	X7706	070108	13	156.00
2					
3					
4					

N4 qualifier/NDC/  
unit of measure/quantity

Enter modifier UD if billing  
for Section 340B drugs

**Note:** All other necessary billing information (dates of service, HCPCS codes, modifiers, etc.) is entered on the same claim line.

## **Unit of Measure Qualifier and Quantity**

The unit of measure consists of a two-character unit of measure qualifier followed by the numeric quantity (a nine-digit number) administered to the patient. The nine digits consist of six digits for the whole number, followed by three decimal places. Valid unit of measure qualifiers are as follows:

Qualifier	Unit of Measure
F2	International Unit
GR	Gram
ML	Milliliter
UN	Unit

**Note:** The unit of measure qualifier and numeric quantity are optional. Absence of these two elements will not result in claim denial.

## **Quantity Reporting**

It is sometimes necessary for providers to bill multiple NDCs for a single drug. For example, when two different strengths of the same drug are needed in order to administer the appropriate dose, or when multiple vials of the same drug are used to administer the appropriate dose, and the vials are from different manufacturers. When more than one NDC is needed to bill with one HCPCS code, all NDCs must be included on the claim. The quantity for each NDC must be reported separately by repeating the HCPCS code with its corresponding NDC.

## **Section 340B Drugs**

Providers billing for physician-administered drugs subject to the federally established 340B Drug Pricing Program must include the modifier UD in Box 44, following the HCPCS code. Section 340B drugs may be billed on the same claim as non-340B drugs.

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