

## NDC/J Codes Clarification

It has come to our attention that IlliniCare Health providers have been receiving consistent denials for NDC codes invalid or missing. We have reviewed the denial based on claims examples provided to us by our providers and it has been determined that the denials are accurate. Here are some guidelines when billing NDC codes.

When billing J codes that require NDC numbers here are the guidelines to follow:

- NDC codes must be on the CMS list of approved drugs.
- NDC codes must match the correct HCPC code.

Use these links to reference the approved list and correct HCPC.

- [ReimbursementCodes.com](http://ReimbursementCodes.com)
- [CMS.gov](http://CMS.gov)

In addition, please review the proper guidelines/formatting of NDC numbers. This information is included in our billing manual on page 21, which is available on [IlliniCare.com](http://IlliniCare.com).

### NDC CODE:

24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE							B. PLACE OF SERVICE	C.	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)			E.	F.		G.	H.	I.	J.
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## APPENDIX VI: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NDC INFORMATION

### Instructions for Entering the NDC:

CMS requires the 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC), therefore, providers are required to submit claims with the exact NDC that appears on the actual product administered, which can be found on the vial of medication. The NDC must include the NDC Unit of Measure and NDC quantity/units.

When reporting a drug, enter identifier N4, the eleven-digit NDC code, Unit Qualifier, and number of units from the package of the dispensed drug.

For Electronic submissions, which is highly recommended, and will enhance claim reporting/adjudication processes, report in the LIN segment of Loop ID-2410.

For Paper, use Form Locator 43 of the CMS1450 and the red shaded detail of 24A on the CMS1500 line detail. Do not enter a space, hyphen, or other separator between N4, the NDC code, Unit Qualifier, and number of units.

The NDC must be entered with 11 digits in a 5-4-2 digit format. The first five digits of the NDC are the manufacturer's labeler code, the middle four digits are the product code, and the last two digits are the package size. If you are given an NDC that is less than 11 digits, add the missing digits as follows:

For a 4-4-2 digit number, add a 0 to the beginning For a 5-3-2 digit number, add a 0 as the sixth digit. For a 5-4-1 digit number, add a 0 as the tenth digit.

Enter the Unit Qualifier and the actual metric decimal quantity (units) administered to the patient. If reporting a fraction of a unit, use the decimal point. The Unit Qualifiers are:

<b>F2</b>	International Unit
<b>GR</b>	Gram
<b>ME</b>	Milligram UN Unit
<b>ML</b>	Milliliter
<b>UN</b>	Unit