

NOTICE OF MATERIAL CHANGE TO CONTRACT



February 1, 2019

Re: National Drug Code (NDC) Requirement on Outpatient Claims expanded – effective May 1, 2019

Dear Participating Provider:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Colorado (Anthem), value the quality and commitment with which you serve your patients and our members. We previously sent out a notification in 2014 regarding National Drug Code (NDC) Requirements for drugs administered in a physician office or outpatient facility setting. The original notification in 2014 applied these requirements to Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) codes. Starting May 1, 2019, Anthem will now apply these same requirements to all drug categories to maintain consistent claims billing guidelines throughout Anthem.

For dates of service on or after **May 1, 2019**, we will require all providers and facilities to bill the following information for drugs administered in a physician office or outpatient facility setting for all drug categories:

1. Applicable HCPCS code or CPT code
2. Number of HCPCS code or CPT code units
3. Valid 11-digit NDC(s), **including the N4 qualifier**
4. Unit of Measurement qualifier (F2, GR, ML, UN, MG)
5. NDC Units dispensed (must be greater than 0)

Note: These billing requirements will apply to Local Plan and BlueCard® only, and will exclude Federal Employee Program® (FEP®) and Coordination of Benefits/Secondary claims.

To ensure accurate and timely payment, it is important that you provide the above requested information. Effective May 1, 2019, Anthem will deny any line items on a claim regarding drugs that do not include the above information.

For additional information, please reference the billing requirements outlined in our [Provider Manual](#), within the *Claims Submission* section, under the **National Drug Code (NDC) Requirements** subsection. The billing requirements have not changed, we are just expanding the requirements to apply to all drug categories rather than just NOC codes.

If you should have any further questions, please call your Provider Solutions Contracting Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Pogar".

Janet Pogar
RVP, Provider Solutions
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield