

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

Home Infusion

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Verification of benefits and/or approval of services after prior authorization or predetermination are not a guarantee of payment of benefits. Payment of benefits is subject to several factors, including, but not limited to, eligibility at the time of service, payment of premiums/contributions, amounts allowable for services, copayments, coinsurance and deductibles, supporting medical documentation and other terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions set forth in the member's policy certificate and/or benefits booklet and/or summary plan description as well as any pre-existing conditions waiting period, if any.

Home Infusion Therapy Guidelines

The information in this section is provided as a supplement to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) agreement with the independently contracted Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) providers participating in the various health benefit products offered by BCBSIL. This section is to familiarize providers with BCBSIL policies concerning HIT, particularly billing of services. All HIT providers are required to abide by these BCBSIL policies and are accountable to deliver services and bill accordingly on a CMS-1500 claim form. Electronic billing of claims is required. In addition, all HIT providers must meet all credentialing requirements which include current accreditation by one of the nationally recognized accreditation organizations (Joint Commission, ACHC, CHAP, etc.) in order to contract with BCBSIL.

Specialty Pharmacy injectable/infusible medications may be required to treat complex medical conditions such as immune deficiency, hemophilia, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Specialty medication coverage is based on the member's benefit. [Prior Authorization](#) or [Predetermination](#) approval may apply to specific specialty medications. In accordance with their benefits, some members may be required to use a specific preferred specialty pharmacy in order for benefits to apply.

Self-Administered Specialty Medications

Specialty medications that are U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for self-administration are typically covered under the member's pharmacy benefit and may not be billed by the HIT provider to BCBSIL. Some members' plans may require them to obtain these medications from a specific preferred specialty pharmacy for benefit consideration. Information pertaining to the BCBSIL Specialty Pharmacy Program may be found at https://www.bcbsil.com/provider/pharmacy/specialty_pharmacy.html.

Many intravenous/injectable therapies are subject to specific medical necessity criteria in order to be eligible for benefits. All providers are encouraged to review relevant [BCBSIL Medical Policies](#), which are located in the Standards and Requirements section of our Provider website, prior to rendering services. For BCBSIL non-HMO members, it is highly recommended to complete a [Predetermination Request Form](#), located in the Education and Reference Center/Forms section of our Provider website. The Predetermination Request Form may be submitted along with the appropriate medical necessity documentation, as required.

Services normally considered eligible

Intravenous (IV) solutions and/or injectable medications may be considered eligible for benefits, if all of the following as well as Medical Policy criteria are met:

1. Prescription drug is U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved or meets benefit criteria for off-label use;
2. The provision of services in the home is not primarily for the convenience of the member, the member's caregivers or the provider;
3. Therapy is managed by a physician as part of a written treatment plan for a covered medical condition;
4. Home care is provided by a specialized home infusion company; and
5. Infusion in the home must be safe and medically appropriate.

Description

Home infusion and injectable therapy involves the administration of any of the following items:

- Nutrients
- Medications
- Solutions

These items may be administered intravenously, intramuscularly, enterally, subcutaneously or epidurally, as medically appropriate and ordered by the member's physician.

Infusion therapy originates with a prescription from a physician who is overseeing the care of the member and is designed to achieve physician defined beneficial outcomes.

Specific infusion therapies may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Anti-infectives
- Blood transfusions
- Chemotherapy
- Immunosuppressive therapy
- Hydration therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Inotropic therapy
- Pain management
- Parenteral and enteral nutrition (refer to BCBSIL Medical Policy (MED201.011) Nutritional Support)

Prior Authorization Requirements

Many benefit plans require notification and approval prior to the provision of any home infusion services. Providers should inquire whether prior authorization/pre-certification is necessary when checking the member's eligibility and benefits. In order to help members maximize their benefits, most benefit plans require members to utilize in-network providers.

Refer to the [Utilization Management page](#) located on the BCBSIL Provider website for additional information.

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Important Note for all HMO Illinois[®], Blue Advantage HMOSM, Blue Precision HMOSM, BlueCare DirectSM and Blue FocusCareSM Members: All services must have Medical Group/Independent Practice Association approval. The PCP must authorize all referrals to home infusion therapy providers within the independently contracted HMO network.

Billing Guidelines

All claims for home infusion therapy must be submitted on a CMS-1500 Claim form or electronically with the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC) with total units of measurement dispensed as well as the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) drug code with appropriate units (per the description of the HCPCS code) per the dosage ordered and administered.

Here are some guidelines for appropriate submission of valid NDCs and related information:

- Submit the NDC along with the applicable HCPCS or CPT procedure code(s)
- The NDC must be in the proper format (11 numeric characters, no spaces or special characters)
- The NDC must be active for the date of service
- The appropriate qualifier, unit of measure, number of units and price per unit also must be included, as indicated below

Electronic Claims Guidelines

Field Name	Field Description	ANSI (Loop 2410) – Ref Desc
Product ID Qualifier	Enter N4 in this field.	LIN02
National Drug CD	Enter the 11-digit NDC (without hyphens) assigned to the drug administered.	LIN03
Drug Unit Price	Enter the price per unit of the product, service, commodity, etc.	CTP03
NDC Units	Enter the quantity (number of units) for the prescription drug.	CTP04
NDC Unit / MEAS	Enter the unit of measure of the prescription drug given. (Values: F2 – international unit; GR – gram; ML – milliliter; UN – unit)	CTP05-1

Paper Claims Guidelines

In the **shaded portion** of the line-item field 24A-24G on the CMS-1500, enter the qualifier **N4** (left-justified), immediately followed by the NDC. Next, enter the appropriate qualifier for the correct dispensing unit (**F2** – international unit; **GR** – gram; **ML** – milliliter; **UN** – unit), followed by the quantity and the price per unit, as indicated in the example below. (The HCPCS/CPT code corresponding to the NDC is entered in field 24D)

Example:

24. A.		DATE(S) OF SERVICE					B.		C.		D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances)				E.		F.		G.		H.		I.		J.	
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	PLAC OF SERVICE	EMG	CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER	DIAGNOSIS POINTER	\$ CHARGES	DAYS OR UNITS	HCPCS/UNIT	QTY	PRICE	RENDERING PROVIDER ID #										
N423155019631	ML2	12.82						12405								1234567901										
09	01	18	09	07	18	11				1	25.64	4	N	18	0987654321											

New drugs without a valid HCPCS code should be billed using the HCPCS code J3490 or J3590, as applicable, with the appropriate NDC number and units ordered and administered.

Physician orders must include, at a minimum, the following elements:

- Date of order
- Member name and address
- Diagnosis warranting infusion therapy treatment
- Name of drug, dosage, administration route, frequency of administration and duration of treatment
- Physician name, address and telephone number
- Physician signature and date

Infusion therapy supplies should be billed utilizing the appropriate per diem HCPCS codes (S codes) for the specific drug or drug category. All per diem codes are inclusive of the following:

- Administrative services
- Professional pharmacy services
- Care coordination
- Delivery
- All necessary supplies and equipment
- IV solutions and diluents

The per diem HCPCS code must be billed on the same claim as the corresponding drug for the same dates of service. Modifiers SH (second concurrently administered infusion therapy) and SJ (third or more concurrently administered infusion therapy) must be indicated with the HCPCS code, as appropriate. Reimbursement for the second or subsequent concurrent infusion of same therapy class will be at 50 percent of normal per diem for that code.

Nursing visits provided in tandem with HIT services, may only be billed, electronically or on a UB-04 claim form, by a licensed home health agency, separate and apart from the HIT services which must be billed on a CMS-1500 or electronically.

In order to help members maximize their benefit, nursing services should be performed by a provider that has a Coordinated Home Care (CHC) Agreement with BCBSIL. Please review the BCBSIL [Coordinated Home Care section](#) of the Provider Manual for additional CHC billing guidelines.

Remember to refer to the [BlueCard Program Provider Manual](#) for important information to assist you when you are providing care and services to out-of-area Blue Cross and Blue Shield members.

This material is for educational purposes only and is not intended to be a definitive source for what codes should be used for submitting claims for any particular disease, treatment or service. Health care providers are instructed to submit claims using the most appropriate code based upon the medical record documentation and coding guidelines and reference materials.

Home Infusion Therapy Billing Examples

The following billing examples are provided as a reference only. BCBSIL requires electronic submission of all claims.

Note: BCBSIL reserves the right to update these guidelines as necessary. Providers should review the guidelines posted in the BCBSIL Standards and Requirements section on the BCBSIL Provider website periodically to ensure compliance.

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Billing Example 1



HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM

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1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#) MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicaid#) TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#/DoD#) CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> (Member ID#) GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) FECA BENEFIT <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (ID#)										1a. INSURED'S ID. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1) XOF234567890																			
2. PATIENT'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) Doe, Jane					3. PATIENT'S BIRTH DATE MM DD YY SEX 01 01 1954 M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					4. INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) Doe, John																			
5. PATIENT'S ADDRESS (No., Street) 456 Main St.					6. PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>					7. INSURED'S ADDRESS (No., Street) 456 Main St.																			
CITY Anytown			STATE IL		8. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE					CITY Anytown			STATE IL																
ZIP CODE 60000			TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) (312) 123-4567							ZIP CODE 60000			TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) (312) 123-4567																
9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)					10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO: a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO b. AUTO ACCIDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PLACE (State) _____ c. OTHER ACCIDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER FEP																			
a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER					b. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE					c. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE																			
d. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME					10d. CLAIM CODE(S) (Designated by NUCC)					11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER BCBSIL																			
12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below. SIGNED _____ DATE _____										13. INSURED'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned physician or supplier for services described below. SIGNED _____																			
14. DATE OF CURRENT ILLNESS, INJURY, OR PREGNANCY (LMP): 02 01 2019 QUAL: _____					15. OTHER DATE: _____ QUAL: _____ MM DD YY					16. DATES PATIENT UNABLE TO WORK IN CURRENT OCCUPATION FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY																			
17. NAME OF REFERRING PROVIDER OR OTHER SOURCE Dennis Lobber					17a. _____ 17b. NPI 1234567890					18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES FROM MM DD YY TO MM DD YY																			
19. ADDITIONAL CLAIM INFORMATION (Designated by NUCC)										20. OUTSIDE LAB? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO \$ CHARGES _____																			
21. DIAGNOSIS OR NATURE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY Relate A-L to service line below (24E) ICD Ind. _____ A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____ E. _____ F. _____ G. _____ H. _____ I. _____ J. _____ K. _____ L. _____										22. RESUBMISSION CODE _____ ORIGINAL REF. NO. _____																			
24. A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE From MM DD YY To MM DD YY		B. PLACE OF SERVICE		C. EMG		D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT/HCPCS MODIFIER			E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER		F. \$ CHARGES		G. DAYS OR UNITS		H. FROST Family Plan		I. ID. QUAL.		J. RENDERING PROVIDER ID. #										
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5 _____																	NPI _____												
6 _____																	NPI _____												
25. FEDERAL TAX ID. NUMBER 321234567 SSN EIN <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					26. PATIENT'S ACCOUNT NO.					27. ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT? (For gov't claims, see back) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					28. TOTAL CHARGE \$ 3405 59					29. AMOUNT PAID \$					30. Rsvd for NUCC Use				
31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREES OR CREDENTIALS (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.) SIGNED Mary Biller DATE 02/17/19										32. SERVICE FACILITY LOCATION INFORMATION Home Infusion 123 Main Street Anytown, IL 60000										33. BILLING PROVIDER INFO & PH# (312) 555-2667 Home Infusion 123 Main Street Anytown, IL 60000									
SIGNED Mary Biller DATE 02/17/19					a. 0987654321					b. 0987654321																			

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Billing Example 2



HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM

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<input type="checkbox"/> PICA <input type="checkbox"/> PICA														
1. MEDICARE <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicare#) MEDICAID <input type="checkbox"/> (Medicaid#) TRICARE <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#/DoD#) CHAMPVA <input type="checkbox"/> (Member ID#) GROUP HEALTH PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) FECA BENEFIT <input type="checkbox"/> (ID#) OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (ID#)					1a. INSURED'S ID. NUMBER (For Program in Item 1) XOF234567890									
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ZIP CODE 60000			TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) (312) 123-4567		CITY Anytown			STATE IL						
9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)					10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO:									
a. OTHER INSURED'S POLICY OR GROUP NUMBER					a. EMPLOYMENT? (Current or Previous) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO									
b. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE					b. AUTO ACCIDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PLACE (State) _____									
c. RESERVED FOR NUCC USE					c. OTHER ACCIDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO									
d. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME					10d. CLAIM CODES (Designated by NUCC)									
11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER P00001					11. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH MM DD YY SEX 02 02 1952 M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>									
12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below.					13. INSURED'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned physician or supplier for services described below.									
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