



Reimbursement Policy

Subject: Drugs and Injectable Limits

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Section:
Drugs

*****The most current version of the reimbursement policies can be found on our provider website. If you are using a printed version of this policy, please verify the information by going to <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX>. Note: State-specific exemptions may apply. Please refer to the Exemptions section below for specific exemptions based on your state.*****

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claim submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement if the service is covered by a member’s Amerigroup benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member’s benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member’s state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT® codes, HCPCS codes and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to both participating and nonparticipating providers and facilities.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Amerigroup may:

- Reject or deny the claim.
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment.

Amerigroup reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or setup may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Amerigroup strives to minimize these variations.

Amerigroup reserves the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to this site.

Policy

Amerigroup will apply Clinical Unit Limits (CUL) to drugs that may be based on manufacturer’s guidelines, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, and/or code description unless provider, state, federal, or CMS contracts and/or requirements indicate otherwise.

	<p>Drug claims must be submitted as required with applicable HCPCS or CPT procedure code(s), National Drug Codes (NDC), appropriate qualifier, unit of measure, and number of units. Units should be reported in the multiples included in the code descriptor used for the applicable HCPCS codes.</p> <p>Reimbursement will be considered up to the Clinical Unit Limits (CUL) or state mandated limits or CMS Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) limits allowed for the prescribed/administered drug. When there is no MUE assigned by CMS, identified codes will have a CUL assigned or will be calculated based on the prescribing information, The FDA, and established reference compendia.</p> <p>Claims that exceed the CUL will be reviewed for documentation to support the additional units. If the documentation does not support the additional units billed, the additional units will be denied.</p>
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References and Research Materials	<p>This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS • State Medicaid • Amerigroup state contracts • FDA
Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition: The appropriateness of the specific treatment for which a drug is being prescribed is recognized and supported in one of the following established reference compendia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ American Hospital Formulary Service-Drug Information ○ National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs and Biologics Compendium ○ Thomson Micromedex DrugDex® ○ Elsevier Gold Standard Clinical Pharmacology • General Reimbursement Policy Definitions
Related Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims Submission — Required Information for Professional Providers • Unlisted, Unspecified and Miscellaneous Codes
Related Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None