

Spinraza clinician-administered drug prior authorization requirements

Summary of change: Amerigroup is updating prior authorization (PA) requirements for Spinraza (nusinersen) effective June 21, 2017.

What is the impact of this change?

Spinraza is a clinician-administered drug (CAD) in Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs. As a reminder, CAD claims must be billed as outlined in the *National Drug Code (NDC) to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Crosswalk* found on the Vendor Drug Program (VDP) website. Spinraza was added to the crosswalk on December 27, 2016, and is effective for use; however, the service must be approved prior to administration.

Spinraza billing information:

- HCPCS: J3490
- NDC: 64406-0058-01
- Unit of measure: ml

PA requests can be faxed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to 1-866-249-1271. Additionally, PA requests can be securely uploaded to <https://providers.amerigroup.com/TX>.

Please be aware the use of J3490 (as a miscellaneous code) will be temporary until CMS publishes a unique procedure code for Spinraza. We will comply with the applicable code changes once communicated and published by the Texas Medicaid Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) and *NDC to HCPCS Crosswalk*. While the HCPCS may change, Amerigroup will continue to require PA for Spinraza. We encourage providers to monitor TMHP and VDP for updates related to Spinraza coding.

Amerigroup will accept Spinraza claims electronically; however, these claims must be submitted with documentation and will be processed manually. Claims must comply with the *NDC to HCPCS Crosswalk* file located on the VDP website at: <https://www.txvendordrug.com/formulary/clinician-administered-drugs/cad-files>.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, received this fax in error or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services toll free at 1-800-454-3730.

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