

## Medication code requirements for drugs billed under the medical benefit

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2023, the following claim edits for medication codes billed on medical claims will apply.

Please note, inclusion of a national drug code on your medical claim is necessary for claim processing of drugs billed with a not otherwise classified (NOC) code:

- Both the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and National Drug Code (NDC) must be accurate and applicable to the medication requested. If the HCPCS/NDC combination is not accurate and applicable, the claim will reject with f89 error-*Invalid HCPCS and NDC code combination*.
- The manufacturer of the submitted National Drug Code (NDC) must participate in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program. If the submitted NDC is not participating in the Medicaid Drug Rebate program, the claim will reject with f90 error — *Manufacturer not participating in MDRP*.
- The submitted National Drug Code (NDC) must not be for a Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) 5 or 6 drug (DESI 5 or 6 drugs are drugs that have been defined by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as *less than effective*). If the submitted NDC is considered to be a DESI 5 or 6 drug, the claim will reject with f91 error — *DESI drug. Product not covered*.
- Participating manufacturers/NDCs in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program and DESI designation are updated quarterly by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and can be found at <https://bit.ly/45IVCBx>.

Visit the [Clinical Criteria website](#) to search for specific *Clinical Criteria*.

### What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relationship Management representative or call Provider Services at **800-454-3730**.

**Note:** Prior authorization requests for certain medications may require additional documentation to determine medical necessity.