

To: Keystone First/Keystone First Community HealthChoices (CHC) Durable Medical Equipment Providers

Date: October 16, 2024

Re: National Drug Code (NDC) Billing Requirement for Durable Medical Equipment

Keystone First/Keystone First CHC follows the Pennsylvania (PA) Department of Human Service (DHS) Medical Assistance Preferred Drug List (PDL) for drugs, drug classes, and products. All drugs and products listed on or added to the PDL require NDC information included on submitted claims.

Effective for dates of service **December 16, 2024** and beyond, all Durable Medical Equipment (DME) products and supplies listed on the PA DHS PDL will require the submission of the NDC information. This includes, but may not be limited to, Continuous Glucose Monitors and other supplies. Products and supplies included in this requirement are subject to change.

All claims for outpatient medications and DME products listed on the PA DHS PDL are validated for the presence of a(n):

1. Valid NDC
2. NDC that corresponds to the billed HCPCS
3. Accurate unit of measure (UOM) for the NDC (UN, F2, GR, ML)
 - a. Many DME products will be assigned UN as the UOM for their NDC
 - b. Please verify the NDC and UOM before billing
4. NDC quantity with appropriate FDA minimum and maximum levels

Claims that do not meet validation criteria, as listed above, will be denied.

Example of an accurate submission (for CMS 1500):

N4 qualifier				NDC Quantity											
DATE(S) OF SERVICE				PLACE OF SERVICE		PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES		DIAGNOSIS		CHARGES		DAYS OR UNITS		RENDERING PROVIDER ID.#	
MM	DD	YY	MM	DD	YY	CPT/HCPCS	MODIFIER	ICD-10	PT	UNIT	QTY	UNIT	PRF	ID	QUAL
10	01	05	10	01	05	J0400		1		250	00	40	N	G2	12345678901
															0123456789

Annotations: 11 digit NDC (points to N4001665), NDC Unit Qualifier (points to UN1)

Please do not bill any other data elements, e.g., drug or DME product name, etc.

For complete details, please refer to the NDC section in the Claims Filing Instructions available on the Provider Center at: www.keystonefirstpa.com → Providers → Claims and Billing → Claims Filing Instructions or www.keystonefirstchc.com → For Providers → Claims and Billing → Claims Filing Instructions

A link to the current PA DHS PDL can be found on the website at www.keystonefirstpa.com → Pharmacy → Pharmacy Homepage or www.keystonefirstchc.com → For Providers → Pharmacy Services

If you have any questions regarding the DME NDC billing requirement, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007 or your Provider Account Executive.