

## Changes to Help Streamline the Prior Authorization Process for Unclassified Drug HCPCS

We are adding a change to our prior authorization process in Availity<sup>®1</sup> to help streamline the automated process for approving drug authorizations. This is for all lines of business and will become effective August 20, 2022.

With this change, when you enter an authorization request in Availity with an unclassified drug Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code (see list below), you will be prompted to enter the 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) in lieu of the unclassified code.

The 11-digit NDC is part of an industry standard conversion. Instructions for converting NDC codes into an 11-digit format (5-4-2) when the drug's NDC code is fewer than 11 digits is shown below. This information is also included in our [provider manual](#) located at [floridablue.com](http://floridablue.com).

| Digit NDC format is  | Then add a zero (0) in        | Report NDC as |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 4-4-2 (9999-9999-99) | first position, 09999-9999-99 | 09999999999   |
| 5-3-2 (99999-999-99) | sixth position, 99999-0999-99 | 99999099999   |
| 5-4-1 (99999-9999-9) | tenth position, 99999-9999-09 | 99999999909   |

**For example**, the drug Nulibry (J3490) vial identifies the 10-digit NDC number 73129-001-01. To submit a prior authorization for a drug currently aligned with J3490, you will be prompted to enter the NDC number. This 10-digit NDC would be converted to NDC number 73129-0001-01 which identifies the 11-digit NDC format to be entered into Availity.

Note: It is important to enter the 11 digits for the NDC to streamline the automated approval process. Availity will not accept incomplete codes.

The following list of unclassified drug HCPCS is available for your reference.

| UNCLASSIFIED DRUG HCPCS |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| CODE                    | DESCRIPTION   |
| 90399                   | UNLISTED IMMUNE GLOBULIN  |
| A9699                   | RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL, THERAPEUTIC, NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED (NOC)  |
| C9399                   | UNCLASSIFIED DRUGS OR BIOLOGICALS   |
| J1599                   | INJECTION, IMMUNE GLOBULIN, INTRAVENOUS, NONLYOPHILIZED (E.G., LIQUID), NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED (NOS), 500 MG |
| J3490                   | UNCLASSIFIED DRUGS  |
| J3590                   | UNCLASSIFIED BIOLOGICS  |
| J3591                   | UNCLASSIFIED DRUG OR BIOLOGICAL USED FOR ESRD ON DIALYSIS   |
| J7199                   | HEMOPHILIA CLOTTING FACTOR, NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED  |

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| UNCLASSIFIED DRUG HCPCS |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| CODE                    | DESCRIPTION   |
| J7599                   | IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUG, NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED  |
| J7699                   | NOC DRUGS, INHALATION SOLUTION ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME   |
| J7799                   | NOC DRUGS, OTHER THAN INHALATION DRUGS, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME  |
| J7999                   | COMPOUNDED DRUG NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED  |
| J8498                   | ANTIEMETIC DRUG, RECTAL/SUPPOSITORY, NOS  |
| J8499                   | PRESCRIPTION DRUG, ORAL, NONCHEMOTHERAPEUTIC, NOS   |
| J8597                   | ANTIEMETIC DRUG, ORAL, NOS  |
| J8999                   | PRESCRIPTION DRUG, ORAL, CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC, NOS  |
| Q0181                   | UNSPECIFIED ORAL DOSAGE FORM, FDA-APPROVED PRESCRIPTION ANTI-EMETIC, FOR USE AS A COMPLETE THERAPEUTIC SUBSTITUTE FOR AN IV ANTI-EMETIC AT THE TIME OF CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT, NOT TO EXCEED A 48-HOUR DOSAGE REGIMEN |
| S5000                   | PRESCRIPTION DRUG, GENERIC  |
| S5001                   | PRESCRIPTION DRUG, BRAND NAME   |

We anticipate this change will help improve your experience with automated prior authorization requests in Availity. If you are not using Availity, we encourage you to register at [availity.com](https://www.availity.com). You can define your users (including yourself) to perform various functions. Be sure to request the Provider Data Management (720) role for users responsible for maintaining your provider profile and all other functions.

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