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## Health Plans, inc.

## Memo

To: Providers  
From: El Paso First Health Plans  
Date: January 14, 2014  
Re: National Drug Code (NDC) Billing Requirements

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Update to fax blast sent on November 12, 2013. It is **Optional**, not a requirement on box 24D plus 24G to submit the quantity of units and unit of measurements information. Claims will not deny if your system is set up to submit the units or measurements of the administered drug.

**Reminder:** During the carve-in of pharmacy benefits effective March 1, 2012, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) mandated all Managed Care Health Plans to require a National Drug Code (NDC) on ALL medical claims for provider-administered drugs by Primary Care Providers, Specialty Care Providers, Outpatient Hospital Departments and all other provider administered drugs to patients in an outpatient setting. El Paso First is required to deny or reject the entire claim for any provider-administered drug when it is missing NDC code; the NDC is not valid for the corresponding Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code; and/or if the NDC is not 11 characters long. **Providers may resubmit claims by adding the appropriate NDC code when a claim is Denied with denial reason: M119: Missing/incomplete/invalid/withdrawn National Drug Code (NDC),**

Providers are encouraged to consult with applicable resources to identify the appropriate crosswalk for NDC and HCPCS codes. For example, a NDC to HCPCS crosswalk is published by Noridian Administrative Services, LLC. The crosswalk provides a listing of the NDC codes that are assigned to a HCPCS. Although, the crosswalk is a good resource for Providers it may not contain a complete listing of all NDCs codes to include vaccination codes.

### Below are links to various resources:

- The Noridian crosswalk can be accessed at: [www.dmepdac.com/crosswalk/index.html](http://www.dmepdac.com/crosswalk/index.html).
- For more information about Noridian NDC-to-HCPCS crosswalk, please refer to Noridian website at: [www.dmepdac.com/resources/articles/2008/08\\_07\\_08.html](http://www.dmepdac.com/resources/articles/2008/08_07_08.html).
- The Medicare Part B APS can be accessed at: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/2013ASPFiles.html>.
- HCPCS codes requiring an NDC for billing is found at [www.tmhp.com/Pages/Topics/NDC.aspx](http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/Topics/NDC.aspx)

### NDC

Each NDC must be reported as an 11-digit code unique to the manufacturer of the specific drug or product administered to the beneficiary, using a 5-4-2 format (*i.e.*, 5 digits, followed by 4 digits, followed by 2 digits [9999999999]).

Some NDCs may be in a 10-digit format. The chart below illustrates how to convert the code into 11-digits. (Hyphens in the example below are for illustration only.)

10-Digit Format on Package	10-Digit Format Example	11-Digit Format	11-Digit Format Example
4-4-2	9999-9999-99	5-4-2	09999-9999-99
5-3-2	99999-999-99	5-4-2	99999-0999-99
5-4-1	99999-9999-9	5-4-2	99999-9999-09

**NDC Quantity**

The quantity of each NDC must be a numeric value greater than zero. In most cases, the NDC quantity will be different from the HCPCS billed units.

**NDC Unit of Measurement**

The unit of measurement (UOM) for each NDC must be submitted.

- F2 International Unit
- GR Gram
- ME Milligram
- ML Milliliter
- UN Unit

CMS1500 Submitting Specifications			
Block No.	Description	Guidelines	EDI Loop/Segment Value
24A	DOS	In the shaded area, enter the NDC qualifier of the N4 and the 11-digit NDC number (number on package or container from which the medication was administered). Do not enter hyphens or paces within this number Example: N400409231231	Loop 2410 LIN03 NDC (11-digit format)
24D	Procedures, services or supplies	Optional: In the shaded area, enter a 1-through 12-digit NDC quantity of units. A decimal point must be used for fractions of a unit.	Loop 2410 CTP 04 quantity CTP 05 composite unit of measure

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A. DATE(S) OF SERVICE				B.	C.	D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES				E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	J.
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SUPPLIER INFORMATION

UB04 Format Specification			
Field Locator	Description	Guidelines	EDI Loop/Segment Value
43	Revenue code and description	<p>In the Revenue code description, enter N4 and the 11-digit NDC number (number on package or container from which the medication was administered).</p> <p>Optional: Unit of measurement code and the unit quantity with the floating decimal for fractional units (limited to 3 digits) can also be submitted, however, are not required.</p> <p>Do not enter hyphens or paces within this number Example: N400409231231GR0.025</p>	<p>Loop 2410</p> <p>LIN03 NDC (11-digit format)</p> <p>CTP 04 quantity</p> <p>CTP 05 composite unit of measure</p>

43 REV. CD.	43 DESCRIPTION	44 HCPCS I RATE / HCPCS CODE	45 SERV. DATE	46 SERV. UNITS	47 TOTAL CHARGES	48 NON COVERED CHARGES	49
250	N458468012201ML10	J1270	010508	20	311.80		

Providers can contact El Paso First Provider Relations Department at 915-532-3778 ext. 1507.

For additional information, please contact TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or refer to the TMHP Provider Manual.