



# Self Administered Drugs

## Computer Based Training

# Agenda

- **Self-Administered Drugs - CMS Regulations**
- **Billing Self Administered Drugs**
- **Resources**

# Objectives

- **Know the CMS rules on determining Self-Administered drugs**
- **Know how to bill for self administered drugs**
- **Know the resources available**

# **Self-Administered Drugs**

- **Medicare provides limited benefits for outpatient prescription drugs that are furnished “incident to” a physician’s service provided that the drugs are not usually self-administered by patients who take them**
- **Medicare does not generally cover drugs that can be self-administered, such as those in pill form, or are used for self-injection**
- **Medicare Regulation provides for the coverage of some self-administered drugs.**
  - **e.g.- Blood clotting factors, erythropoietin for dialysis patients, certain oral cancer drugs...**

# **“Usually Self Administered”**

- **Definition of “Usually” means more than 50 percent of the time for all Medicare beneficiaries who use the drug.**
  - **e.g., an injectable drug used to treat migraine headaches is usually self administered.**
- **Absent evidence to the contrary, presume that drugs delivered by subcutaneous injection are self administered by the patient.**
  - **Contractors examine the use of the particular drug and consider the following factors:**
    - **Acute Condition**
    - **Frequency of Administration**

# **“Not Usually Self Administered”**

- **Absent evidence to the contrary, presume that drugs delivered intravenously or by intramuscular injection are not usually self administered by the patient.**
  - **e.g., an injectable drug, administered at the same time as chemotherapy, used to treat anemia secondary to chemotherapy is not usually self administered.**

# **Packaged Drugs**

- **Certain drugs are such an integral part of a procedure or treatment that it could not be performed without them. In these cases, they are packaged into the payment for that procedure or treatment.**
  - **e.g., sedatives administered to patients while they are in the preoperative area being prepared for a procedure, drops or ointments instilled into the eye before, during or immediately following an ophthalmic procedure.**

# **Billing Self Administered Drugs**

- **The following coding is needed for line denials:**
  - **Revenue code 637**
  - **Appropriate HCPCS- You should use explicit procedure or HCPCS coding that best describe the service. If one is not available, HCPCS A9270 may be used, which, since it is non-covered by Medicare definition, will be denied in all cases.**
  - **GY Modifier (item or service statutorily excluded or does not meet the definition of any Medicare benefit)**



# Claim Example for Self-Administered Drugs



# Claim Example

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UB92 CLAIM ENTRY

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PROVIDER 999999

CL	REV	HCPC MODIFS	RATE	TOT UNIT	COV UNIT	TOT CHARGE	NCOV CHARGE	SERV DT
1	0450	99283		00001	00001	500.00		011207
2	0636	J1642		00001	00001	38.00		011207
3	0636	J2175		00001	00001	83.00		011207
4	0636	J2550		00001	00001	42.00		011207
5	0636	J2765		00001	00001	33.00		011207
6	0636	J1830		00001	00001	100.00		011207
7	0637	J1815 GY		00001		30.00	30.00	011207
8	0637	A9270 GY		00001		20.00	20.00	011207
9	0306	87186		00001	00001	117.00		011207
10	0307	81003		00001	00001	44.00		011207
11	0730	93005		00001	00001	330.00		011207
12	0001					1337.00	50.00	

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# Resources

**\*Additional information on Self Administered Drugs can be found in:**

- **Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Publication 100-2, Chapter 15, Section 50**
  - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/download/bp102c15.pdf>
- **Local Coverage Determination (LCD)**
  - <http://www.wpsmedicare.com>

**\*The above resources were used to create this presentation.**

- **This program is presented for informational purposes only. The current Medicare regulations will prevail.**

**Thank you, you have completed  
the CBT.**

**Would you like to take a 10 question  
knowledge check?**

Yes, let's get started.

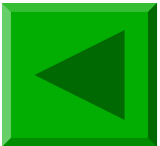
No, please take me back to  
WPS Medicare's Provider  
Homepage.

Medicare does not generally cover drugs that can be self administered, such as those in pill form, or are used for self-injection.

True

False

**That is not correct, please try  
again.**



**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

Certain drugs are such an integral part of a procedure or treatment that it could not be performed without them. These drugs are considered packaged into the payment for that procedure or treatment.

True

False

**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

Blood clotting factors are covered under Medicare statute.

True

False

**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

If more than 50 percent of the time all Medicare beneficiaries use the drug, Medicare would usually cover that drug.

True

False

**False. Nice work, that is correct.**

An injectable drug,  
administered at the same time  
as chemotherapy, used to treat  
anemia secondary to  
chemotherapy is not usually self  
administered.

True

False

**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

Sedatives that are administered to patients while they are in the preoperative area being prepared for a procedure are considered self administered.

True

False

**False. Nice work, that is correct.**

Self administered drugs should be coded with a 637 revenue code, HCPCS code and GZ modifier.

True

False

**False. Nice work, that is correct.**

If an explicit procedure or HCPCS code cannot be found, HCPCS code A9270 may be used.

True

False

**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

Contractors examine the use of the particular drug and consider the following factors:  
Acute Condition and Frequency of Administration.

True

False

**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

An injectable drug used to treat migraine headaches is usually self administered.

True

False

**True. Nice work, that is correct.**

# Thank you, you have completed the Knowledge Check.

Would you like to take another CBT?

Yes, let's get started.

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