

Provider Update



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Update to drug amount discarded/not administered modifier

Summary: In accordance with Kansas Department of Health and Environment policy, effective January 1, 2017, modifier JW (drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient) must be submitted on claims where unused drugs or biologicals from single-use vials or single-use packages were appropriately discarded.

What is the impact of this change?

When a physician, hospital or other provider or supplier must discard the remainder of a single-use vial or other single-use package after administering the drug or biological to a patient, Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. will reimburse both for the amount of the drug or biological discarded as well as the dose administered, up to the amount of the drug or biological as indicated on the vial or package label.

The modifier should be billed on the detail line that denotes the discarded portion of the drug or biological. The amount that was administered to the patient should be billed on a separate detail line without modifier JW. Both details are reimbursable; however, you must submit the used and unused portions of the drug on separate detail lines, and use the JW modifier to indicate the discarded amount.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.