

J code redirection

Summary of change: Effective March 1, 2020, Amerigroup Community Care will require specific J code services for infusion or injectable therapy services to be rendered in the patient's home or freestanding infusion center for members 8 years and older.

What is the impact of this change?

Unless there is a medical reason for providing the specific J code service in an outpatient hospital setting, the services should be rendered in the patient's home by a certified home infusion vendor or in a freestanding infusion center.

In addition, where the availability and accessibility to outpatient infusion centers and home infusion providers are adequate, certain J code services will require review and precertification of the site of service when medical necessity of the service is met and hospital outpatient site of service is requested.

All service authorization requests will be processed according to State Medicaid requirements.

Medically necessary

An outpatient IV infusion or injectable therapy service in the hospital outpatient department or hospital outpatient clinic level of care for the use of an infused pharmacologic or biologic agent is considered medically necessary when all of the following are present:

- The inherent complexity or risk of the infusion required by an individual is such that it can be performed safely and effectively only by or under the general supervision of skilled nursing personnel.
- The patient's medical status or therapy is such that it requires enhanced monitoring beyond that would routinely be needed for infusion therapy.
- The potential changes in the patient's clinical condition are: requiring immediate access to specific services of a medical center or hospital setting, having emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel, and the necessity of inpatient admission or intensive care. For example, the individual is at significant risk of sudden life-threatening changes in medical status based on clinical conditions including but not limited to:
 - Concerns regarding fluid overload status.
 - History of anaphylaxis to prior infusion therapy with a related pharmacologic or biologic agent, or history of acute mental status changes.

Not medically necessary

All other uses of outpatient IV infusion and injectable therapy services in the hospital outpatient department or hospital outpatient clinic level of care for the infusion of pharmacologic and biologic agents are considered not medically necessary.

J codes impacted

Procedure description	J code
Injection, infliximab, excludes biosimilar, 10 mg	J1745
Injection, immune globulin, (Gamunex/Gamunex-C/Gammaked), nonlyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500 mg	J1561
Injection, octreotide, depot form for intramuscular injection, 1 mg	J2354
Injection, denosumab, 1 mg	J0987
Injection, vedolizumab, 1 mg YES (for home administration), after 1 dose in a controlled setting	J3380
Injection, rituximab, 100 mg	J9312
Injection, tocilizumab, 1 mg	J3262
Leuprolide Acetate Suspension	J9218
Injection, immune globulin, (Gammagard liquid), nonlyophilized, (e.g., liquid), 500 mg	J1569
Injection, darbepoetin alfa, 1 mcg (non-ESRD use)	J0881
Injection, epoetin alfa, (for non-ESRD use), 1000 units	J0885
Ustekinumab, for intravenous injection, 1 mg	J3357
Injection, abatacept, 10 mg (code may be used for Medicare when drug administered under the direct supervision of a physician, not for use when drug is self-administered)	J0129
Injection, filgrastim-sndz, biosimilar, (Zarxio), 1 mcg	J1442
Injection, tbo-filgrastim, 1 microgram	J1447
5G-CSF excludes biosimilars, 1 microgram	J1441
Ustekinumab-Stelera	J3358
Injection, Romiplostim, 10 Micrograms	J2696
Injection, natalizumab, 1 mg AIS only due to requirement of FDA REMS program MUST BE TOUCH certified	J2323
Omalizumab injection AIS only due to severity of drug reactions	J2357

How do I obtain precertification?

To obtain precertification, you must call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 and provide clinical documentation that identifies a medical reason requiring the member have an outpatient procedure done in a hospital.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.