

Provider Update

Provider Reimbursement of Drugs and/or Medical Devices Procured From Specialty Pharmacy Providers

At Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC (JHHC), we seek to work in tandem with you, the health care provider, in providing the best care possible to our members. This memorandum offers additional clarification on provider procurement and reimbursement of drugs and/or devices secured from Specialty Pharmacy Providers (SPP) in JHHC's provider network for members of JHHC Health Plans: Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP).

Stock Medications/Medical Devices

Providers that administer or implant a drug or medical device that they purchased may bill the health plan for the cost of the covered drug/device, as well as the administration/insertion fee using the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

Drugs/Medical Devices Ordered For a Specific Member

For providers that order a drug and/or medical device from a SPP for a specific health plan member; you **may not bill** the health plan for this drug and/or medical device as the SPP will bill and be reimbursed directly by the health plan. In this case, providers may only seek reimbursement from the health plan for the administration and/or insertion of the drug/medical device using appropriate HCPCS codes.

Additionally, JHHC would like to remind providers to use two simple steps when ordering SPP drugs and/or medical devices:

1. Determine if the drug and/or medical device is appropriate for the health plan member and that he/she is eligible and has been properly educated regarding the drug and/or medical device; and
2. The Provider and health plan member fully agree on the recommended course of treatment.

JHHC would like to thank you for teaming with us in minimizing unnecessary health plan resource use and waste of drugs and/or medical devices obtained from SPPs. If you are a new provider, or have any questions regarding procurement and billing of the drugs and/or devices secured from SPPs, you may contact JHHC's Pharmacy department at 1-888-819-1043, option 4, or Provider Relations at 1-888-895-4998.