



# PROVIDER QUICK TIPS

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## Most Common Billing Errors for Drugs Covered Under the Medical Assistance (MA) Program

The following guidelines are to be used for submission of pharmacy claims to the Pennsylvania MA program.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) includes language to extend the federal rebate to drugs covered by the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). The language requires the State to collect the NDC and NDC units for all outpatient drug claims, regardless if payment is made based on HCPCS code, in order to invoice the manufacturers for the Federal Rebates.

For NCPDP claims, the drug form defines the correct unit of measure to be billed. NCPDP National Drug Code (NDC) units are in one of three categories:

- **EACH (EA)** is the correct billing unit for tablets, capsules, patches, non-filled syringes, international units, suppositories, etc.
- **MILLILITER (ML)** is the correct billing unit for liquids, suspensions, solutions, syrups, etc.
- **GRAM (GM)** is the correct billing unit for ointments, creams, balms, bulk powders, etc.

Currently the PROMISe™ crosswalk for unit values for both Professional Drug (837P) and Institutional Outpatient Drug (837I) is:

- 837 unit GR - Gram crosswalks to NCPDP unit GM - Gram
- 837 unit ML - Milliliter crosswalks to NCPDP unit ML - Milliliter
- 837 unit UN - Unit crosswalks to NCPDP unit EA - Each
- 837 unit F2 - International Unit crosswalks to NCPDP unit EA - Each
- 837 unit ME - Milligram does not crosswalk to NCPDP unit.
  - **Please convert the milligram to gram.** For example, if the provider dispensed 100mg of an ointment, the provider should bill 0.1gm.

**When the actual number of units dispensed is a decimal quantity, the correct unit is a decimal, not a whole number.**

The Covered Drug Search displays the Drug Unit Description for any drug and/or NDC. It is located at the following link from the Department of Public Welfare's (the department's) website:

[www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/doingbusinesswithdpw/pharmacyservices/covereddrugs/index.htm](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/doingbusinesswithdpw/pharmacyservices/covereddrugs/index.htm)



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The following are the correct units of measure for the drugs with the most common billing errors identified by the department. They are organized by Therapy Class/Drug Type.

THERAPY CLASS/ DRUG TYPE	DRUG NAME	NDC UNIT TYPE	THERAPY CLASS/ DRUG TYPE	DRUG NAME	NDC UNIT TYPE
ANTIBIOTICS	BICILLIN LA SYRINGE	ML	CONTRACEPTIVES	DEPO-PROVERA SYRINGE	ML
	CEFAZOLIN 1VIAL	EA		IMPLANON 68 MG IMPLANT	EA
	CUBICIN VIAL	EA		MIRENA SYSTEM	EA
	INVANZ VIAL	EA		PARAGARD T 380-A IUD	EA
	TYGACIL VIAL	EA			
	VANCOMYCIN HCL BAG	ML	ENDOCRINE DISORDERS	SANDOSTATIN LAR KIT	EA
BLOOD CELL DEFICIENCY	ARANESP SYRINGE/VIAL	ML	ENZYME DEFICIENCY	ALDURAZYME MG/ML VIAL	ML
	NEULASTA SYRINGE	ML	IMMUNE DEFICIENCY	GAMMAGARD LIQUID 10% VIAL	ML
	NPLATE VIAL	EA		GAMMAGARD S-D 10 G (IGA<1)	EA
	PROCRIT UNITS/ML VIAL	ML		GAMMAGARD S-D 10 GM VL W/ST	EA
		OCTAGAM 5% VIAL		ML	
		PRIVIGEN 10% VIAL		ML	
BOTULINUM TOXINS	BOTOX VIAL	EA	INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS	BENLYSTA VIAL	EA
	DYSPORT VIAL	EA		CIMZIA KIT	EA
CANCER	ABRAXANE VIAL	EA		ORENCIA VIAL	EA
	ADCETRIS VIAL	EA		REMICADE VIAL	EA
	ALIMTA VIAL	EA		STELARA MG/ML SYRINGE	ML
	AVASTIN MG/ML VIAL	ML	MACULAR DEGENERATION	EYLEA MG/ML VIAL	ML
	DACOGEN VIAL	EA		LUCENTIS VIAL	ML
	DEPOCYT MG/ML VIAL	ML	MISCELLANEOUS	CINRYZE VIAL	EA
	ELOXATIN MG/ML VIAL	ML		DILAUDID-HP VIAL	EA
	EMEND VIAL	EA		HP ACTHAR GEL	ML
	FOLOTYN MG/ML VIAL	ML		INTRALIPID 20% IV FAT EMULS	ML
	FUSILEV I.V. VIAL	EA		LIORESAL IT MG/ML KIT	ML
	GEMZAR VIAL	EA		VIVITROL VIAL + DILUENT KIT	EA
	HERCEPTIN VIAL	EA		MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS	TYSABRI MG/ML VIAL
	HYCAMTIN VIAL	EA	OSTEOPOROSIS	PROLIA SYRINGE	ML
	ILARIS VIAL	EA		ZOMETA VIAL	ML
	MUSTARGEN VIAL	EA	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	REMODULIN MG/ML VIAL	ML
	ONCASPAR UNITS/ML VIAL	ML		VENTAVIS MCG/ML SOLUTION	ML
	OXALIPLATIN MG/ML VIAL	ML		VIAGRA TABLET (COMPOUNDED)	EA
	OXALIPLATIN VIAL	EA	RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS	PULMOZYME MG/ML AMPUL	ML
	RITUXAN MG/ML VIAL	ML		XOLAIR VIAL	EA
	TAXOTERE MG/ML VIAL	ML			
	TREANDA VIAL	EA			
	TRIESENCE MG/ML VIAL	ML			
	VELCADE VIAL	EA			
	VIDAZA VIAL	EA			
	ZOFRAN MG/ML VIAL	ML			

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