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IHCP COVID-19 Response: IHCP updates procedure code for remdesivir administration

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has received additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code updates and code description revisions from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA) for the treatment of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). As published in the *IHCP Bulletin BT202202,* the IHCP will reimburse providers for the administration of remdesivir to IHCP members in a healthcare setting capable of providing acute care comparable to inpatient hospital care.

Effective immediately, the IHCP will no longer accept billing of procedure code J3490 for remdesivir. IHCP-enrolled providers should submit claims using the updated HCPCS code J0248 – *Injection, remdesivir, 1mg,* for VEKLURY™ (remdesivir) antiviral medication when administered in a non-inpatient setting. This code is available and effective for dates of service on or after **Dec. 23, 2021**.

Reimbursement and billing information

Providers should follow these reimbursement and billing guidelines:

- Pricing: Maximum fee of $5.46

- Prior authorization (PA): None required

- Billing guidance:
    - Must be billed with the National Drug Code (NDC) of the product administered.
    - Separate reimbursement in the outpatient setting is allowed under revenue code 636 – *Pharmacy [extension of 025X] – Drugs requiring detailed coding*. For reimbursement consideration, providers may bill the procedure code and the revenue code together, as appropriate.

For provider resources regarding remdesivir administration, see *IHCP Bulletin BT202202*.

The Outpatient Fee Schedule and Professional Fee Schedule will be updated. The fee schedules can be accessed from the *IHCP Fee Schedules* page at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Updates will be made to the following code table documents on the *Code Sets* page at in.gov/medicaid/providers:

- *Procedure Codes That Require NDCs*

- *Revenue Codes With Special Procedure Code Linkages*

Reimbursement and billing information apply to services delivered under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Questions about FFS reimbursement and billing should be directed to Gainwell Technologies at 800-457-4584, option 7. Individual MCEs establish and publish reimbursement and billing information within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care reimbursement and billing should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

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