



Practitioner Dispensing

New York State Education (NYSED) Law, Article 137 §6807, authorizes practitioners, who are authorized to prescribe, to dispense medications directly to their patients for at-home self-administration. This dispensing must be done in accordance with federal, State, New York State (NYS) Medicaid program and health plan policies for dispensing, billing, and record keeping.

Practitioners that choose to dispense prescription medications to their patients should bill these medications through a medical claim form and will be reimbursed at actual invoice cost for the drug dispensed or under the terms of the provider contract. Medications may be subject to prior authorization.

Providers may not submit an office visit claim for the sole purpose of dispensing a drug that the member can obtain at a pharmacy.

Practitioners submitting a medical claim form for reimbursement must use an appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code and corresponding National Drug Code (NDC) when billing for a medication for which they have dispensed. If a specific HCPCS code has not been assigned for oral medication, the following codes may be utilized:

- “J8999” – Rx Drug Oral Chemotherapy
- “J8499” – Rx Drug Oral Non-Chemotherapy

Helpful resources:

Provider Office Administration Manual (POAM)

<https://www.cdphp.com/providers/get-your-job-done/office-administration-manual>

Medical Benefit Formulary/Prior Authorization Medication List

<https://www.cdphp.com/-/media/files/pharmacy/medical-benefit-formulary-prior-authorization-medication-list.pdf?>

Prior Authorization Form

<https://www.cdphp.com/-/media/files/providers/prior-authorization-medical-exception-request-form.pdf>