

## Provider Newsflash April 2015

### Multiple Per Diems for Florida Blue – Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

#### Purpose of this communication

- To notify providers of a change to the Florida Blue payment policy on multiple, concurrent per diems for Home Infusion Therapy
- To educate providers on how to request authorization and submit Florida Blue claims for per diem home infusion codes when multiple medications are administered within the same Therapeutic Category on the same date of service for the same patient.

#### What do I need to do?

Home infusion codes are categorized by drug families or type of therapy, and are grouped into the following therapeutic categories:

- Antibiotics/Antifungals/Antivirals
  - Chemotherapy
  - Pain Management
  - Hydration
  - Total Parenteral Nutrition
  - Specialty Therapy
- When requesting authorizations on the provider portal for multiple medications administered **within the same therapeutic category on the same date of service for the same patient**, select as 'primary' the most frequently administered per diem. The 'secondary' per diem is the next most frequently administered per diem and so on. See an example below:

CAT	TYPE	CODE	UOM	DESCRIPT	HCPCS	MOD 1	MOD 2	
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8	S9502	SQ		PRIMARY
HIT	ANTI-IN	1667	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q12 - (MULTIPLE 2ND)	S9501	TF		SECONDARY
HIT	ANTI-IN	1671	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q24 -(MULTIPLE 3RD)	S9500	TF		TERTIARY

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- When requesting authorizations on the provider portal for multiple medications in different therapeutic categories on the same date of service for the same patient, select the 'primary' for each therapeutic category. See an example below:

CAT	TYPE	CODE	UOM	DESCRIPT	HCPCS	MOD 1	MOD 2	
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8	S9502	SQ		PRIMARY
HIT	PM	1184	PD	PAIN MANAGEMENT THERAPY IV/SQ	S9325	SQ		PRIMARY
HIT	HYDRA	2444	PD	HYDRATION ONE LITER	S9374	SQ		PRIMARY

- When submitting per diem claims for multiple medications administered within the same therapeutic category on the same date of service for the same patient, bill each day of therapy on a separate line **within the same claim**. See an example below:

CAT	TYPE	CODE	UOM	DESCRIPT	HCPCS	MOD 1	MOD 2	Date of Service	Date of Service	UNITS
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8 - PHARMACY ONLY	S9502	SQ		04-20-15	04-20-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1667	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q12 - PHARMACY ONLY (MULTIPLE 2ND)	S9501	TF		04-20-15	04-20-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1671	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q24 - PHARMACY ONLY (MULTIPLE 3RD)	S9500	TF		04-20-15	04-20-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8 - PHARMACY ONLY	S9502	SQ		04-21-15	04-21-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1667	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q12 - PHARMACY ONLY (MULTIPLE 2ND)	S9501	TF		04-21-15	04-21-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1671	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q24 - PHARMACY ONLY (MULTIPLE 3RD)	S9500	TF		04-21-15	04-21-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8 - PHARMACY ONLY	S9502	SQ		04-22-15	04-22-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1667	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q12 - PHARMACY ONLY (MULTIPLE 2ND)	S9501	TF		04-22-15	04-22-15	1
HIT	ANTI-IN	1671	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q24 - PHARMACY ONLY (MULTIPLE 3RD)	S9500	TF		04-22-15	04-22-15	1

- The order of the claim lines is not important, as long as all lines are on the same claim.
- This rule only applies to claims for concurrent multiple per diems in the same therapeutic category.
- When submitting per diem claims for a single medication, the provider can submit claims with a date span. See an example below:

CAT	TYPE	CODE	UOM	DESCRIPT	HCPCS	MOD 1	MOD 2	Date of Service	Date of Service	UNITS
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8 -	S9502	SQ		04-20-15	04-22-15	3

- When submitting per diem claims for multiple concurrent medications in different therapeutic categories on the same date of service for the same patient, submit claims with a date span. See an example below:

CAT	TYPE	CODE	UOM	DESCRIPT	HCPCS	MOD 1	MOD 2	Date of Service	Date of Service	UNITS
HIT	ANTI-IN	1047	PD	ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY Q 8 -	S9502	SQ		04-20-15	04-22-15	3
HIT	PM	1184	PD	PAIN MANAGEMENT THERAPY IV/SQ - PHARMACY ONLY	S9325	SQ		04-20-15	04-22-15	3
HIT	HYDRA	2444	PD	HYDRATION ONE LITER - PHARMACY ONLY	S9374	SQ		04-20-15	04-22-15	3

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- The multiple per diem rule does not apply to the hydration, catheter or total parental nutrition therapeutic categories. Only one per diem code within each of these categories is allowed per day.

### Is there anything else I need to know?

- Per diem reimbursement across therapeutic categories is at the Primary rate.
- For concurrent drug therapies in the same category, the per diem rates are scaled for antibiotics/antifungals/antivirals, chemotherapy and pain management only. Please find below a grid detailing the per diem rate scaling:

Reimbursement Order	Antibiotics Antifungals Antivirals	Chemotherapy	Pain Management	Hydration Therapy	Catheter Care	Total Parenteral Nutrition	Specialty Therapies
1	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2	50%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	100%
3+	25%	25%	25%	0%	0%	0%	100%

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued partnership.**

**If you have any questions, please reach out to your assigned Provider Operations contact for assistance.**