

AETNA BETTER HEALTH® OF PENNSYLVANIA AETNA BETTER HEALTH® KIDS

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National Drug Code (NDC) Validation Requirements

What should you know?

Federal laws allow Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania to pay for drugs only from drug manufacturers or labelers who are part of the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program including those drugs dispensed to our members.

What information will be required when submitting an NDC?

- The N4 qualifier should precede the NDC number
- A valid 11-digit NDC number
- NDC unit of measure (F2, GR, ML, UN)
- NDC units dispensed (must be greater than 0)
- The NDC number must be entered in the 24D field of the CMS-1500 Form or the Loop 2410 LIN03 segment of the HIPAA 837 Professional Electronic form

Will the NDC information submitted be subject to any additional clinical edits?

Yes. The following criteria will also be applied initially:

- **NDC and HCPCS verification: identifies incorrect billing when the NDC and HCPCS codes are not a match on the drug claim**
- NDC max unit: targets drugs that have specific strengths where an unexpected number of units are exceeded
- Inactive NDCs: targets inactive/obsolete drugs.

Questions?

We're here to help. Just call our Provider Relations department at **1-866-638-1232** with any questions. Thank you for the quality care you give our members.