



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2000-48

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Dear Medical Provider:

The OHCA Board approved revisions to the Medicaid fee-for-service rules regarding compensable injectable drugs. The Governor subsequently signed these rules. This change will take effect on claims on or after January 1, 2001.

The previous coverage for injectable drugs had been in place for many years and was not consistent with current practice standards. The OHCA has now expanded the classes of drugs which can be covered when injected by a medical provider in an outpatient setting. This change will replace the use of the Oklahoma specific procedure codes for drug categories (W4512 through W4524) with the current nationally assigned HCPCS procedure codes.

All injections must be filed with the appropriate second level HCPCS codes (J codes). Claims for drugs which do not have a specific J code, should be filed with the non-specific CPT code or a miscellaneous J code. When a CPT code that does not contain a specific measurement or a miscellaneous J code is utilized, the claim must be filed as a paper claim. The claim must contain the name of the drug, the National Drug Code (NDC), the strength, and dosage amount. When a miscellaneous procedure code is used for a drug with a specific J code, the claim will be denied. All injection claims must contain the diagnosis which necessitates the injection.

The coverage for injections is limited to those categories of drugs included in the vendor drug program for Medicaid. OHCA administers and maintains an open formulary. The Authority covers any drug for its **approved purpose** that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Administration of injections is paid in addition to the medication. The appropriate administration procedure codes to be used for therapeutic diagnostic injections are 90782 through 90788, for the administration of immunization 90471 and 90472.

Thank you for your support and care of our recipients. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service at (405) 522-6205 or (800) 522-0114 (in-state).

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael Fogarty  
Chief Executive Officer