

DRUG DETERMINATION POLICY

Title: DDP-21 Dose Rounding and Wastage

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Physicians Health Plan
PHP Insurance Company
PHP Service Company

Important Information - Please Read Before Using This Policy

The following policy applies to health benefit plans administered by PHP and may not be covered by all PHP plans. Please refer to the member's benefit document for specific coverage information. If there is a difference between this general information and the member's benefit document, the member's benefit document will be used to determine coverage. For example, a member's benefit document may contain a specific exclusion related to a topic addressed in a coverage policy.

Benefit determinations for individual requests require consideration of:

1. The terms of the applicable benefit document in effect on the date of service.
2. Any applicable laws and regulations.
3. Any relevant collateral source materials including coverage policies.
4. The specific facts of the particular situation.

Contact PHP Customer Service to discuss plan benefits more specifically.

1.0 Policy:

This policy describes the determination process for coverage of specific drugs.

This policy does not guarantee or approve benefits. Coverage depends on the specific benefit plan. Drug Determination Policies are not recommendations for treatment and should not be used as treatment guidelines.

2.0 Background or Purpose:

This policy was developed to provide guidance on clinically appropriate dose rounding practices and drug wastage procedures.

3.0 Clinical Determination Guidelines:

A. Dose rounding

1. Medication requests may be automatically rounded up or down by 10% of the requested dose in order to fit the nearest manufacturer's strength of the requested medication for patients weighing >10 Kg.
2. Medications with rounding otherwise specified per Health Plan Benefit Coverage Policies (BCPs) and/or Drug Determination Policies (DDPs).

B. Wastage

1. Indication: if a drug or biological is only available in a single-use vial or single-use package that remains after rounding (if applicable) and administering a dose and/or quantity of the drug.
2. Prior authorization/approval (PA) unit calculation: separately identify wastage and/or dose as well as duration of the PA.
3. Billing: bill the wastage separately using the JW modifier.

C. Exclusions:

1. Overfill wastage: drug is greater than the amount identified on the package or label.
2. Dose administered is less than HCPCS billing unit.
3. Drugs available in single-use when a multi-use vial is available at the time of administration.

4.0 References, Citations & Resources:

1. Dose rounding Policy (Medication and IV Therapy): Sparrow Health System Policy - effective 2/20/18.
2. Dose Rounding of Biological and Cytotoxic Anticancer Agents: A position Statement of the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association 2017.
3. Dose Rounding Monoclonals Yields Windfall. Pharmacy Practice News February 7, 2017.
4. JW Modifier: Drug/biological amount discarded/not administered to any patient – frequently asked questions. Medicare Program Center for Medicare and Medicaid services. August 26, 2016 accessed June 2018.

6.0 Appendices:

None.

7.0 Revision History:

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