



New: New York State Medicaid Billing Guidelines for Administering Mental Health or Substance Abuse Treatment Injections at the Pharmacy

Effective April 1, 2024, registered pharmacists, certified by the NYS Education Department, may administer a long-acting injectable (LAI) approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of mental health or substance abuse based on a patient specific prescription or order after the initial injection was provided in the practitioner's office.

Policy

- The certified pharmacist must confirm the initial injection has been given by the practitioner and the member is ready for maintenance therapy.
- The member or member's representative must consent to the administration by a certified pharmacist.
- The pharmacy must provide a private area for the administration. The certified pharmacist must notify the member's prescriber of the drug administration, and if there were adverse reactions or any side effects.

Billing Guidelines

Pharmacies will be reimbursed for the medication and an administration fee when billed to NYRx. The member will not have a copayment for drug administration.

- NYS legislation requires a patient specific prescription or order for administration. These orders must be kept on file at the pharmacy.
- **If billing for both the drug and administration, these claims must be submitted separately.**
- For the drug, the claim must be submitted using the ordering prescriber's NPI in the Prescriber ID field. The pharmacy will be reimbursed for the medication when billed via National Drug Code (NDC) using reimbursement methodology. For the administration, the claim must be submitted using procedure code 96372, and the pharmacy's NPI in the Prescriber ID field. A pharmacy will be reimbursed the administration fee of \$13.36.

Questions and Additional Information

- NYRx claim questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.
- NYRx Pharmacy coverage and policy questions should be directed to the NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Policy Unit by telephone at (518) 486-3209 or by email at NYRx@health.ny.gov