



Pharmacy

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A change in packaging for the drug Copaxone 20mg (NDC 68546-0317-30) has resulted in a billing change.

The National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) is advising that the new packaging no longer meets the definition of a kit, however a new NDC was not required by the FDA. This means that rather than billing this drug as 1 kit, the drug will now need to be billed per 1 ML syringe, with a package size of 30.

The packaging itself was changed by the manufacturer in the first quarter of 2014, however the drug compendia made the change as of September 25, 2014. New York State Medicaid received the updated drug file as of October 1, 2014.

Pharmacy providers should be aware that since the billing unit change was put into effect, billing incorrect quantities will result in incorrect payments and possible DUR errors.

New York State Medicaid does not utilize the NCPDP D.0 field, Unit of Measure (600-28), so providers will need to utilize the combination of the Quantity Dispensed (442-E7), Days Supply (405-D5) and Ingredient Cost Submitted (409-D9) to ensure the correct billing of this drug.

Example of **incorrect** billing:

Quantity Dispensed: 1 Days Supply: 30 Ingredient Cost Submitted: \$5,000.00*

Indicates OLD packaging of 1 kit

Example of **correct** billing:

Quantity Dispensed: 30 Days Supply: 30 Ingredient Cost Submitted: \$5,000.00*

Indicates NEW packaging of 30 syringes

(* cost for example purposes only)

For more information, see the NCPDP News Listing article dated Sep 03 2014 [Copaxone® 20 mg. Billing Unit Changes Effective Q4 2014](#)

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