

### Ophthalmological Avastin Billing Reminder

Dear Provider,

Thank you for your continued partnership with PA Health & Wellness. We're sharing this reminder of our billing guidelines for Ophthalmological Avastin (bevacizumab).

When Avastin (bevacizumab) is dispensed by an Ophthalmologist, HCPC **J9035** must not be used for billing. CMS guidelines require use of either HCPC **C9257** or **J7999**. PA Health & Wellness applies this requirement to all intraocular use (see NCD A53009), not limited to diagnosis of wet AMD.

Please see the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) published billing guidance for [Billing and Coding: Intraocular Bevacizumab](#).

HCPCs are unable to be billed in decimals. The dosing varies greatly between conditions, meaning using HCPC J9035 "INJECTION, BEVACIZUMAB, 10 MG" for intraocular use results in Provider over-billing of CMS units: When billing HCPC J9035 the lowest number of units that can be billed is 1, which converts to = 0.4 MLs in CMS units. This causes the units being billed over the maximum dosage for intraocular purposes. CMS guidelines require use of either **C9257** or **J7999**.

HCPC	Description	HCPC Units for 1 Eye/Injection of 0.05 ml	HCPC Units for 2 Eyes/Injection of 0.1 ml Total
C9257	Injection, bevacizumab, 0.25 mg	5	10
J7999	Compounded drug, not otherwise classified	1	2

\*CMS has instructed that if using J7999 that it is billed for **EACH** (0.05 ml) syringe used i.e. 1 or 2.

\*\*Per CMS

Noridian previously considered such use as an "unclassified biologic" and has required claims to reflect HCPCS J3590. The use of HCPCS J7999 will allow for better tracking and recall should a problem arise with a compounded drug. The use of J7999 is not restricted to bevacizumab and shall be used for all compounded injectable drugs.

Contact Us! If you have any questions about these changes, please contact our Provider Services team at (844) 626-6813 or email Provider Relations at [PHWProviderRelations@PAHealthWellness.com](mailto:PHWProviderRelations@PAHealthWellness.com).

Sincerely,  
PA Health & Wellness