

Home Infusion

Home intravenous therapy allows patients to receive vital fluids and medications without the inconvenience or costs of a hospital visit. Home Infusion is any agency that is dually licensed as a pharmacy and a home health agency.

To verify that a member has an infusion benefit, please call provider customer service at **1-800-322-1737** to verify the member's eligibility and benefits.

Infusion services and/or administrative drugs may need prior-authorization. To confirm medical necessity, contact a Regence BlueShield Medical Management coordinator at **1-800-367-2766**.

The member must have a written prescription and plan of care. The physician should always sign changes in infusion therapy, including the dose and frequency of medication.

Billing Guidelines

- Use the CMS-1500 form and submit it once every month, per member.
- Submit all charges for each month on one claim.
- The date of service means the date of drug administration - not the date of shipment.
- Regence BlueShield does not reimburse for sales tax.
- There are certain infusion medications that require prior-authorization by Regence BlueShield. Please refer to your Regence BlueShield drug formulary for the most current list.
- Retail drugs will not be reimbursed through the infusion therapy contract. Claims for retail drugs must be submitted through our pharmacy drug care program.
- When billing for drugs you must use the National Drug Code (NDC) number and appropriate "J" code.

Wastage Policy

Medicine mixed and delivered to the member but not used, should be billed by using the J code, modifier -52 and the NDC number

The per diem rate includes

- Clinical pharmacy services
- Pharmacy compounding and dispensing fees
- Intravenous solutions, dilutents and compounding ingredients
- Equipment (e.g. IV pumps, poles) ancillary medical supplies (e.g. syringes, tubing) nursing supplies (e.g. catheter care kits, catheter-flushing solutions, dressings)
- Lab draws
- Administrative overhead
- Delivery of medication and supplies
- Setup and disposal

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Nursing Services include

- Home visit by a health care professional in a single 24-hour period
- Sterile procedures including intravenous admixtures, clean room upkeep, vertical and horizontal laminar flow hood certification, and all other biomedical procedures necessary for a safe environment
- Compounding of medication
- Medication profile set-up and drug utilization review
- Monitoring for potential drug interaction
- Pharmacy member assessment and clinical monitoring
- Development and implementation of pharmaceutical care plans
- Coordination of care with physicians, nurses, members, member's family, other providers and caregivers
- Pharmacokinetic dosing
- Comprehensive knowledge of vascular access systems
- Member/caregiver educational activities
- Review and interpretation of member test results
- Recommendation of dosage or medication changes based on clinical findings
- Member discharge services, including communication with other medical professionals and closing of the medical record

Growth Hormones

All growth hormones must have prior-authorization and a contracted growth hormone provider must render all services.