

National Drug Code (NDC) Billing—Policy Update

Important notice:

Last year, Healthfirst released guidance on the National Drug Code (NDC) Billing Requirements. The prior guidance informed that all outpatient drug claims billed by providers who are not 340B-qualified had to contain an NDC number. Failure to bill in this manner would result in denial of the drug line on a professional claim.

Effective December 15, 2016, a change in the policy for non-340B-qualified providers is set to occur, and failure to bill the NDC number for providers in an outpatient and/or professional setting that are non-340B-qualified will result in denial of all claims lines.

This policy change is applicable to all Healthfirst lines of business.

What providers need to do

Providers that encounter a denial for failure to bill the NDC on a claim submission are encouraged to submit a corrected claim electronically. Corrected claim submissions will be subject to timely filing requirements, as set forth in the provider contract with Healthfirst and in the Healthfirst Provider Manual.

Resources

Reference to the NDC Billing Requirements released can be located in the Provider Alerts and Claims and Billing sections on the Healthfirst website.

For information on submitting corrected claims, visit our FAQ on corrected claims submissions, available on our website.

For other questions regarding this update, please call Healthfirst Provider Services at 1-888-801-1660, Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.