



- **Effective May 1, 2015**, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT) will revise the methodology utilized for determining allowables for HCPCS/CPT drug codes and will require National Drug Codes (NDCs) and related NDC data for compensation. BCBSMT will reimburse all claims submitted with NDCs in accordance with the NDC Reimbursement Schedule, which will be posted on the BCBSMT secure portal. (To access the secure portal, enter your User ID and password on the left navigation menu.)
- Currently, BCBSMT requests the use of NDCs and related NDC data (i.e., qualifier, unit of measure, number of units and price per unit), along with the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT<sup>®</sup>) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code(s), on claim submissions for unlisted or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) professional provider administered/supplied drugs.
- When drugs are billed under the medical benefit on professional/ancillary electronic (ANSI 837P) and paper (CMS-1500) claims, it is important to include NDCs and related data. Using NDCs on medical claims provides better identification of drugs and allows for more accurate reimbursement, reflective of market prices.
- As a reminder, when submitting NDCs on professional/ancillary electronic (ANSI 837P) and paper (CMS-1500) claims to BCBSMT, you must also include the following related NDC data:
  - The applicable HCPCS or CPT code
  - Number of HCPCS/CPT units
  - NDC qualifier (N4)
  - NCD unit of measure (UN=unit, ML=milliliter, GR=gram, F2=international unit)
  - Number of NDC units (up to three decimal places)
- If you submit a claim electronically and you have converted to ANSI 5010, there should be no additional software requirements when NDCs are included on electronic claims. However, please verify with your software vendor to confirm that your Practice Management System accepts and transmits the NDC data fields appropriately. If you use a billing service or clearinghouse to submit electronic claims on your behalf, please check with them to ensure that NDC data is not manipulated or dropped inadvertently.
- Additional resources will be available on the BCBSMT secure portal in the coming months. If you have any questions or did not find the information you want, contact a Provider Network Representative at:
  - **Phone:** 800-447-7828, Ext. 6100
  - **Email:** [HCS-X6100@bcbsmt.com](mailto:HCS-X6100@bcbsmt.com)