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AHCCCS Medical Coding Memo

Regarding: AHCCCS JW Modifier Reimbursement Policy

Retroactive for claims with dates of service beginning on January 1, 2022, the AHCCCS Fee-for-Service program and MCO Contractors will reimburse the HCPCS JW modifier, defined as Drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient. The JW modifier must be submitted on the claim in order to obtain reimbursement for the discarded amount of drug from a medication product that per the manufacturer can only be used once (also known as single use vials or unit-of-use products). The use of the JW modifier does not apply to multi-dose products. AHCCCS is in the process of revising the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) 310-V Prescription Medication/Pharmacy Services Section L. to align with this policy change.

Any inquiries related to this policy change may be sent to CodingPolicyQuestions@azahcccs.gov.