

Title: Medical Benefit Drugs “JCode”

Issuance Date: October 23, 2024

Applicable Regulations, Guidelines, and AHS Policy:

Vermont statute or rule:

- 4.207 - Prescribed Drugs
- 7102 - Prior Authorization

Other:

- Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) contract
- Fiscal agent contract

Purpose:

Process of review and Pharmacy medical necessity determination for physician administered drugs (PAD) and to support Pharmacy determination data entered into MMIS for provider payment.

Procedure:

A. PBM

1. Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) will fax PAD approvals (notice of decision) to the DVHA Clinical Operations Unit for distribution to the designated staff noted above.
 - The PBM Notice of Decision is required in order to enter the ticket into MMIS.
 - Note: If a PAD is denied, the PBM process the request through the PBM internal PADSS application and follow the established standard denial process.
2. The Medical Benefit Drugs (JCode) approval will be processed in MMIS at this time. Please note that, while these are often referred to as “Jcode” approvals, they may also be C, Q, S, or any other PAD codes that require Prior Authorization (PA).

Revision History:

Date	Summary of Revisions
9/23/24	New SOP.
10/16/24	OMU review.
10/22/24	DVHA Legal review for Act 156 determination.

Table 1 Revision History

Appointing Authority Approval:

Approver:

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Signature