

Select Medication List

Professional/ancillary electronic (ANSI 837P) and paper (CMS-1500) claims for drugs must include National Drug Code (NDC) data to be accepted for processing by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL). If NDC data isn't included as required by BCBSIL, your claim will be returned to you. Filing NDCs, in conjunction with the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and/or Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) information, enables BCBSIL to reimburse you, in most instances, for the individual medication that was prescribed (instead of for a range of NDCs within HCPCS/CPT codes).

NDC pricing supports other initiatives, such as this Select Medication List. This list will be developed in stages to add specific drugs within particular classes or categories, based on safety and cost effectiveness. Choosing a drug from the Select Medication List and billing for it with the appropriate NDC will result in a higher reimbursement rate than the rate applied for other, non-listed drugs in the same class.

Currently, there are two medications on the Select Medication List:

Orthovisc®	These are injections from the viscosupplementation class and are used primarily for osteoarthritis knee pain relief.
Synvisc-One®	

Reimbursement for specialty pharmacy drugs, including those on the Select Medication List, is updated monthly, as applicable. Increased reimbursement is limited to the medications on the Select Medication List. BCBSIL will be adding medications to the Select Medication List in the future; however, details regarding specific medications and timelines haven't been finalized. Any changes will be announced in the [News and Updates](#). Information also may be published in our [Blue Review](#).

NDC Billing Resources

- An NDC Units Calculator Tool and the NDC reimbursement fee schedule are available to contracted providers who are registered users on our secure Blue Access for ProvidersSM site. To log in or register for Blue Access for Providers, look for the National Drug Codes (NDCs): Billing Resources box on our [Provider website homepage](#).
- The NDC Units Calculator Tool is also available on the [Availity® Provider Portal](#) for registered Availity users. See the [user guide](#) in our Provider Tools section for details.
- For quick reference purposes, view the [NDC Billing Guidelines](#), answers to [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and other information on the [Claim Submission page](#).

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