

REMINDER: EFFECTIVE 10/1/2023—Claims missing the JZ/ JW modifier may be returned as unprocessable until claims are properly resubmitted. This could result in reimbursement disruptions.

JW Modifier

- To use if any drug amount is discarded/not administered to a patient.
- Effective 1/1/2017 physicians must place JW modifier on claims for unused/discarded amounts from single-dose containers, vials, and packages.
- Chart must include the amount of drug injected and wasted consistent with units reported on the claim submission.

JZ Modifier

- Zero drug amount discarded/not administered to a patient.
- Effective 7/1/2023 physician must place a JZ modifier on all claims for drugs supplied in single-dose containers, vials, and packages where there are no discarded amounts.

Things to Know

- Effective 7/1/2023 physicians are required to use JW and JZ modifiers on all claims for single-dose containers, vials, and packages.
 - Applies to all separately payable drugs assigned status indicators “G” or “K” under the OPPS for which there is a discarded amount
 - Excludes drugs labeled as multidose vials or containers
 - Excludes drugs not purchased by the physician and not payable under Medicare Part B
 - e.g., “White bag” distribution or specialty pharmacy drugs do not need to include modifiers
 - e.g., Sample medication
 - 340B covered entities are not exempt from reporting these modifiers
 - Example drug requiring modifiers is onabotulinumtoxinB (Botox)

RESOURCES

- CMS Billing Guidelines:
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=55932>
- CMS FAQ:
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/hospitaloutpatientpps/downloads/jw-modifier-faqs.pdf>
- MLN Matters Article:
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13056-new-jz-claims-modifier-certain-medicare-part-b-drugs.pdf>