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Blood Factor Billing Method for Pharmacy Providers **Revised**

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2006, pharmacy providers (only) claiming for blood and anti-hemophilia factor bill with the National Drug Code (NDC).

CMSNet coding for blood and anti-hemophilia factor products billed by NDC follows the same analogy for all other NDC billed drugs:

- choose the specific NDC identified by the pharmacy
- for Units column, indicate the number of dispensing occurrences or fills you want to authorize for the duration of the authorization
- for Quantity column, indicate the total number of units of factor for each dispensing occurrence (billing unit is per unit of factor)
- indicate the directions of use specified on the prescription in the special instruction section

Review [This Computes! #329](#) to determine how to code a SAR.

Pharmacies may have questions on the appropriate billing method. The table on the following page will help explain which claims may be billed electronically (CALPOS), CMC, or by paper.

	Authorization Type	Billing Mechanism	Allowable
CCS/Medi-Cal	SAR	CALPOS	YES
		CMC	YES
		Paper	YES
	Legacy	CALPOS	NO
		CMC	NO
		Paper	YES
CCS/Healthy Families	SAR	CALPOS	NO
		CMC	NO
		Paper	YES
	Legacy	CALPOS	NO
		CMC	NO
		Paper	YES
CCS-only	SAR	CALPOS	NO
		CMC	NO
		Paper	YES
	Legacy	CALPOS	NO
		CMC	NO
		Paper	YES

Pharmacies that bill hardcopy will need to submit their claims on a Pharmacy Claim Form (30-1) and not on form HCFA 1500 that is required for HCPCS.

Quick Reference:

Provider Type	Authorization by	Billing Unit	Code the SAR Quantity Column
Pharmacy	NDC	Each Unit of Factor*	YES
Physician	HCPCS	Each Vial	NO
Hospital, Outpatient Clinics, Blood Banks	HCPCS	Each Vial	NO

*NDC anti-hemophilia factor billing unit is per unit of factor. Most AHF products are expressed in IU (International Units), or units. One product, Novoseven is expressed in mcg (micrograms).