

# AccuMed Billing Coding Bulletin:

## Required use of Modifier JZ or JW on all Single-Dose Container Drugs

### What:

- CMS has implemented mandatory reporting of modifier JZ on claims for single-dose container drugs to attest that no amount of drug was discarded.
- Either Modifier JZ or Modifier JW must be reported on claims for single-dose container drugs.
  - Modifier JZ = Zero drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient
  - Modifier JW = Drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient
  - These modifiers will be applied to all HCPCS level II drug charges aka “J codes”

### When:

- Modifier JZ must be reported on single-dose drugs effective **July 1, 2023** but the modifier can be reported prior to this date.
- Claims will be subject to audit reviews if modifiers JZ or JW are not used on drug charges after the implementation date of July 1, 2023.

### Why:

- CMS discovered low compliance with modifier JW use (leading to incomplete data) and because the discarded drug refund amounts rely on this data, CMS established modifier JZ to be required on claims to attest there were no discarded amounts.

### How:

- To properly report **modifier JZ**, the provider must file a claim with **ONE** line of service:
  - Claim line #1
    - HCPCS code for drug given (“J code”)
    - Modifier JZ to indicate no waste
    - Number of units given to the patient
    - Total price for the amount given
- As a reminder, to properly report **modifier JW**, the provider must file a claim with **TWO** lines of service:
  - Claim line #1
    - HCPCS code for drug given
    - No modifier
    - Number of units given to the patient
    - Calculated price for **ONLY** the amount of drug given
  - Claim line #2
    - HCPCS code for drug given
    - Modifier JW to indicate waste
    - Number of units wasted
    - Calculated price for **ONLY** the amount of drug wasted
- Medical record must clearly indicate the name of the drug, the number of units administered, and the number of units discarded.
- If you are a **Medent** client and there are single-dose container drugs you bill for that **NEVER** have drug waste, the JZ modifier can be hard-coded as a billing rule by filling out this form: [https://www.medent.com/new\\_billing\\_rule/](https://www.medent.com/new_billing_rule/). Please reach out if you need assistance.
- If you are a **Medisoft** client and there are single-dose container drugs you bill for that **NEVER** have drug waste, the JZ modifier can be hard-coded as a billing rule by contacting [BradR@accumedbs.com](mailto:BradR@accumedbs.com).
- Any questions can be directed to [AshleyR@accumedbs.com](mailto:AshleyR@accumedbs.com) or to the Accumed staff who handles your practice.