



Date: 8/1/2023

PHC Medi-Cal

Important Provider Notice: #468

Subject: Change in Billing of Azithromycin

Effective for dates of submission on or after 8/1/2023, Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) will only require Q0144 (Azithromycin oral capsules/powder, 1 g) for the 1 gram powder packets. Since capsules are no longer marketed, the use of Q0144 solely for the oral powder packets correlates with industry standards based on the code description. Azithromycin tablets and suspension will be accepted only with J3490/Z7610.

EFFECTIVE FOR <i>SUBMISSION</i> DATES \geq 8/1/2023						
HCPCS Code	Desc	Products included in Billing Code				
Q0144	Azithromycin dihydrate, oral, capsules/powder, 1 gram	Azithromycin 1 gram powder packets, such as but not limited to:				
		NDC	Name	Generic	Strength	Form
		00069-3051-75	Zithromax	Azithromycin	1 gram	Powder Packets
		00069-3051-07	Zithromax	Azithromycin	1 gram	Powder Packets
		59762-3051-01	Azithromycin	Azithromycin	1 gram	Powder Packets
		59762-3051-02	Azithromycin	Azithromycin	1 gram	Powder Packets
J3490 or Z7610	Unclassified Drugs	Azithromycin tablets and pediatric powder for suspension in the following strengths & forms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 mg tablets • 500 mg tablets • 600 mg tablets • 100 mg/5 ml pediatric powder for suspension, 15 ml • 200 mg/5 ml pediatric powder for suspension, 15 ml • 200 mg/5 ml pediatric powder for suspension, 22.5 ml • 200 mg/5 ml pediatric powder for suspension, 30 ml 				

For further information regarding this process, please contact the PHC Claims Department at (707) 863-4130.