

Guidance for NDC Requirement on Medicaid Medical Benefit Claims

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The Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP) is a federal program that includes Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), state Medicaid agencies, and participating drug manufacturers. The MDRP stipulates that only drugs manufactured or distributed by labelers who have signed a drug rebate agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will be considered an eligible product to be billed under Medicaid. Therefore, medications produced by manufacturers who have *not* signed a drug rebate agreement with DHHS will *not* be covered (this applies to both brand and generic medications).

Effective April 1, 2023, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) will require all professional and institutional outpatient medical benefit claims for medication-related HCPCS Codes for Neighborhood Medicaid members to include the corresponding National Drug Code (NDC) administered to the member.

- If the NDC of the administered medication is not enrolled in the MDRP, the claim will deny.

For more information on the MDRP, please visit the [Medicaid.gov](https://www.medicaid.gov) website and search “Medicaid Drug Rebate Program” or go to:

- <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/prescription-drugs/medicaid-drug-rebate-program/medicaid-drug-rebate-program-data/index.html>

To view the current list of active drug products in the MDRP, go to: <https://data.medicaid.gov/dataset/0ad65fe5-3ad3-5d79-a3f9-7893ded7963a>

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