



PHC MDL Navigator™

A Medical Drug List Search Tool

PHC Pharmacy Department



PHC MDL Navigator Features

Provides the ability to search for physician administered drug (PAD) coverage information by:

- Drug name
- NDC
- HCPCS code
- HCPCS code description

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Search results will show the various limitations, restrictions, and utilization management requirements for PAD claims, such as:

- Age limits
- Daily dose limits (max units per day)
- Diagnosis requirements (ICD-10s)
- Frequency of doses or treatment duration limits
- High dose documentation requirements (such BSA or weight documentation)
- TAR requirements



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In addition, PHC MDL Navigator™ provides relevant informational notes regarding:

- 1. PHC code conventions for unclassified drugs, such as:**
 - If a drug is crosswalked by CMS to J8499 or C9399, there will be a note saying PHC uses J3490 instead.
- 2. Provides relevant codes history for TAR review:**
 - If a code has changed *recently*, the prior code and applicable service dates will be shown.
- 3. Shows upcoming coverage or code changes on drugs/codes, for example:**
 - A TAR is no longer required for S0028 for DOS \geq 7/5/22
 - Leqvio™ changing from J3490 to J1551 on 7/1/22

6 Things to Know Before Getting Started

1. It is NOT compatible with Internet Explorer (IE)

It works best with:

✓ Chrome

✓ Firefox

✓ Microsoft Edge

2. Searching for HCPCS code or NDC: You must select the corresponding search type shown in the drop down menu, otherwise no search results will be found. Select the one that matches your search term:

The image contains two screenshots of a search interface. The left screenshot shows a search box with 'J0885' entered. A hand icon points to a dropdown menu where 'HCPCS Code' is selected and circled in red. Below the dropdown, the search results are listed as 'J0885 | Code Description' and 'J0885 | Drug Name'. The right screenshot shows a search box with '55513014410' entered. A hand icon points to a dropdown menu where 'NDC (11 digits, no dashes)' is selected and circled in red. Below the dropdown, the search results are listed as '55513014410 | NDC (11 digits, no dashes)' and '55513014410 | HCPCS Code'. Both screenshots include an 'Apply' button.

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- 3. Do NOT hit the “Enter” key right after you type a HCPCS code or NDC (select a search type first).** When you do hit enter, you will get a message saying nothing has been found:



Your search term was not found. Remember to select the search type before pressing "Enter". If still not found, this does not necessarily mean the medication is not covered: Please reach out to PHC Pharmacy Department for coverage information of unlisted drugs for medical provider billing of physician administered drugs.

Double-check numbers for transposition errors, check drug spelling, select the matching search type and try again.

Try a different search type – if nothing comes up by code, try the drug name or drug code description (generic name).

Is the drug unclassified (J3490, J3590)? Since these drugs don't have a specific code, searching by code or code description does not work. Instead, search by drug name.

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4. How the Drug Name search works:

- It looks for product names as they are marketed. Meaning, the *brand name* will be the successful search term to use when there is no generically labeled product available. You can enter a drug name in full or in part, but the more letters you use, the more relevant the results will be.

Keystrokes: n-a-t-a-l-i-z-u-m-a-b-ENTER:

Search by Drug Name, NDC, HCPCS Code, or HCPCS De

natalizumab

Search

Your search term was not found. Remember to select the se:
not covered: Please reach out to PHC Pharmacy Departme
drugs.

Keystrokes: t-y-s-a-b-r-i-ENTER:

Search by Drug Name, NDC, HCPCS Code, or HCPCS Description (generic)

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Search

Apply Filters

Clear All

Apply

See All Results

J2323

Injection, natalizumab, 1 mg

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4. How the Drug Name search works, continued

- When both brand and generic are on the market (eg, Zyvox™ & linezolid) **either** search term will bring up the HCPCS code information after pressing “Enter” – *ie, no need to select the search type, as long as the drug is marketed under the name you entered.*

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of a web-based drug search interface. Both screenshots show a search bar with the entered text, a 'Search' button, and a results panel. The left screenshot shows the search term 'linezolid' and the results panel displays 'J2020 Injection, linezolid' with a copyright notice '©1997'. The right screenshot shows the search term 'zyvox' and the results panel displays 'J2020 Injection, linezolid' with a copyright notice '©1997-2'. Both panels include buttons for 'Apply Filters', 'Clear All', 'Apply', and 'See All Results'.

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- 5. If a search type is not selected by the user, the search will be done by drug name (by default) which may affect the search results:**
- If you type a number or alpha-numeric for an NDC or HCPCS code search, and press “Enter”, no result will be found. The search will be unsuccessful because it is trying to find the search term in the drug name data base. **Selecting the appropriate code search type (NDC or HCPCS) tells the application to look in the relevant data base.**
 - If you type a generic name *without* selecting HCPCS code description, *but the drug is not on the market as a generic*, you will have no search result. The search tool cannot find the generic name in the drug name (ie, Product Name) data base.

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6. **Caveat for Code Descriptions:** Our data vendor is currently supplying HCPCS code descriptions that have additional information added to the code in parentheses, intended for *MEDICARE* claim information.

The information in parentheses is not always relevant to PHC Medi-Cal billing. Disregard any verbiage in the description that may be shown at the end of a drug description, when it is something *other than* information about code termination and the replacement code.

"BAD Info", please ignore:

[See All Results](#)

J1745

Injection, infliximab, excludes biosimilar, 10 mg (Use NDC level pricing for appropriate reimbursement based on NDC submitted)

Why "Bad"? Because NDC level pricing is **not** used by PHC when there is a specific HCPCS and the code has a State Medi-Cal rate.

Yet sometimes there is helpful info:

[See All Results](#)

G9274

Crotalidae polyvalent immune fab (ovine), 1 vial (Code deleted effective 12/31/11 - see J0840)

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1. **URL:** <https://client.formularynavigator.com/Search.aspx?siteCode=4983900106>
2. **Enter your search term & select search type if needed** (as shown on slides 4 & 6)
 - **NDC:** Must be 11 digits, with leading zeros to make 11 if needed; no dashes
 - **HCPCS code**
 - **HCPCS code description** – any component of a code description, usually you would be entering a drug's generic name
 - **Drug name:** The name the drug is marketed under (in whole or part)

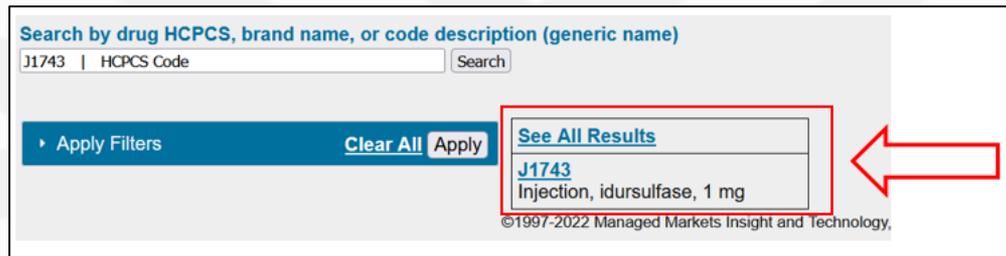
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Using the Search Results

1. Initial Search Screen:

Click on the code you want to view, or click on “See All Results” if you want to see all the codes:

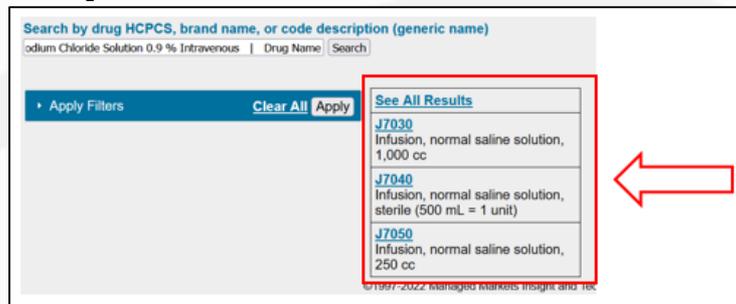
a) Single result from code search:



The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- Search bar: "Search by drug HCPCS, brand name, or code description (generic name)" with "J1743 | HCPCS Code" entered and a "Search" button.
- Filter bar: "Apply Filters", "Clear All", and "Apply" buttons.
- Results list: A single result for "J1743 Injection, idursulfase, 1 mg".
- Action button: A "See All Results" link above the result.
- Red arrow: A red arrow points from the right towards the "See All Results" link.

b) Multiple results from code description search:



The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- Search bar: "Search by drug HCPCS, brand name, or code description (generic name)" with "odium Chloride Solution 0.9 % Intravenous | Drug Name" entered and a "Search" button.
- Filter bar: "Apply Filters", "Clear All", and "Apply" buttons.
- Results list: Three results for "J7030 Infusion, normal saline solution, 1,000 cc", "J7040 Infusion, normal saline solution, sterile (500 mL = 1 unit)", and "J7050 Infusion, normal saline solution, 250 cc".
- Action button: A "See All Results" link above the results.
- Red arrow: A red arrow points from the right towards the "See All Results" link.

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Using the Search Results

2. The secondary search result screen is the next screen after clicking on a code or clicking “See All”. This is where the coverage information is accessible. For example, what is shown for Aduhelm™:

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Selection
2 drug(s) found
Search Type: Drug Name

Results (ascending order by HCPCS code then NDC)

Code	Description	NDC	Brand Name <i>generic name</i>	Brand/ Generic/ Repackager	Form & Strength (or Concentration)	Status	Notes
J0172	Injection, aducanumab- avwa, 2 mg	64406010101	Aduhelm Intravenous Solution 170 Mg/1.7ML <i>aducanumab-avwa</i>	B	solution 170 MG/1.7ML	① MB TAR ②	Clinical Criteria More Info ③ More Info ④
J0172	Injection, aducanumab- avwa, 2 mg	64406010202	Aduhelm Intravenous Solution 300 Mg/3ML <i>aducanumab-avwa</i>	B	solution 300 MG/3ML	MB TAR	Clinical Criteria More Info More Info

This view is telling you the coverage status and that more information is available.

① A medical benefit (MB)

② A TAR is required

③ TAR criteria are available

④ The orange arrow is indicating there is a note about the drug's code history

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Secondary Search Result Screen, continued

Scroll down through all the NDCs shown, to make sure there aren't any NDC-level differences in coverage or criteria.

- Example, J1951/leuprolide acetate for depot injection: J1951 is used for NDCs that are indicated for pediatric central precocious puberty (Lupron Depot-PED™), as well as NDCs that are indicated for prostate cancer (Lupron Depot™). Because of the different indications, there are different criteria documents associated with the 2 product types:

J1950 Injection, leuprolide acetate (for depot suspension), per 3.75 mg	00074969403	Lupron Depot-Ped (3-Month) Intramuscular Kit 30 Mg (Ped) <small>leuprolide acetate (ped)(3mon)</small>	B	kit 30 MG (Ped)	MB TAR	Clinical Criteria	More Info
J1950 Injection, leuprolide acetate (for depot suspension), per 3.75 mg	00074364103	Lupron Depot (1-Month) Intramuscular Kit 3.75 Mg <small>leuprolide acetate</small>	B	kit 3.75 MG	ME TAR	Clinical Criteria	More Info

Requirements for Pediatric GNRH agents: Lupron Depot-Ped, Triptodur and Supprelin LA.

Unless otherwise specified as having renewal requirements, criteria apply to new starts only. Include documentation of continuation of care on the TAR request, if member is not new to treatment.

PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Covered Uses	Central precocious puberty (CPP)

General Requirements for Antineoplastic Agents, Not Otherwise Having Specific TAR Criteria

Unless otherwise specified as having renewal requirements, criteria apply to new starts only. Include documentation of continuation of care on the TAR request, if member is not new to treatment.

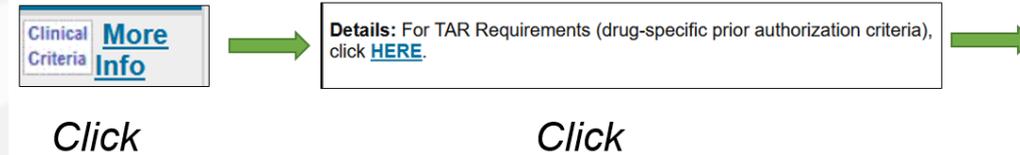
PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Covered Uses	1) Case-Specific. 2) FDA approved indications. 3) Off-label use.

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Secondary Search Result Screen, continued

- Click through each “More Info” icon to see all the additional information.
- Criteria documents are all in PDF form. Depending on your browser &/or browser settings, the PDF download may open (a) automatically in a separate tab, (b) in a separate window, (c) show the download at the bottom right of your browser frame, or (d) will show in the download folder list in the upper right corner of the browser.

Accessing criteria documents:



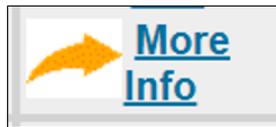
PA Criteria	Criteria Details
Covered Uses	For the treatment of infections due to vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE).
Exclusion Criteria	
Required Medical Information	Culture and sensitivity reports, any relevant clinical notes available such as hospital admit/discharge note or infectious disease consult.

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Secondary Search Result Screen, continued

- **Accessing Additional Information Notes**



Brand Name: Aduhelm Intravenous Solution 170 MG/1.7ML
Generic Name: Aducanumab-avwa
Dosage/Strength: Solution 170 MG/1.7ML
Status: Medical Benefit, TAR required

Details: Code history: J3590 before 1/1/22.

Click

Pop-up Note

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Secondary Search Result Screen, continued

- Additional Examples for Accessing Information Notes



*Retacrit notes
(Q5105, for
ESRD)*

Details: Service location restriction: A TAR is not required when the billing provider is a dialysis center AND the diagnosis requirement is met.

Details: Diagnosis restriction, ICD-10 required: A TAR is not needed if the claim includes N18.6 (ESRD) or D63.1 (CKD Anemia) and the billing provider is a dialysis center.

Details: Upcoming change: For DOS 10/1/22 or when HRP/CES are live (whichever is later): Requires both N18.6 (primary) and D63.1 (secondary).

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Secondary Search Result Screen, continued

- **ICON types and descriptions**

All the status and note graphic icons are shown at the bottom of the secondary search result screen, after all the listed NDCs.

These icons are divided into

a) Status icons

b) Additional information & restriction icons

- **Be sure to read the descriptions for clarification on the information associated with each icon.**

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Secondary Search Result Screen, continued

- Current Status Icons** (*subject to change – always navigate to the icons online for current graphic & descriptions*)

Icon	Short Definition	Detailed Description
	Covered, no restrictions or limits	The HCPCS Code is reimbursable without restrictions (no age, dose, duration, diagnosis, or TAR requirements). Modifiers may be required, or a drug (such as certain anesthetics) may not be separately billable in all situations. Please verify with PHC and State Medi-Cal provider manuals regarding exact billing instructions.
	Covered, with restrictions and/or limits	The HCPCS Code is reimbursable when billing requirements/limitations are met (ICD-10, age, dose, duration, etc.).
	Medical Benefit, TAR required	The HCPCS/drug requires an approved TAR for reimbursement; approval is guided by PHC drug-specific TAR criteria. These criteria have been developed and approved by the PHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics and Physician Advisory Committees.
	Medical Exception, case-by-case	Medical Exceptions (ME) may be made when the submitted TAR includes the documentation necessary for establishing medical necessity; case-by-case review guidelines apply. Some drug classes may have class-specific case-by-case requirements, such as Antineoplastic agents, Antivirals, Antibiotics, and Antifungals. The case-by-case guidelines apply when the PHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has not yet established drug-specific criteria/requirements.

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Icon	Short Definition	Detailed Description
	Self-Administered Drugs	These are drugs/codes which are usually ordered by prescription and dispensed directly to a member by a pharmacy through the pharmacy benefit (Medi-Cal Rx) for the member to use at home. However, when necessary for a medical provider to provide the drug service in a medical setting, a TAR may be submitted for medical necessity review on a case-by-case basis for medical claim reimbursement. There must be a clinical need for the dose(s) to be administered in office in lieu of member filling at the pharmacy. For all drugs in this group, Standard TAR Requirements for Self-Administered Drugs will apply. Some drugs also have drug-specific clinical criteria that that must be met along with the Self-Administered Drug criteria.
	Not Covered (per DHCS)	The drug/HCPSC code is not reimbursable based on State Plan, State Plan Amendment(s), Title 22, or All Plan Letters (APLs). This includes (but is not limited to): drugs used to treat erectile dysfunction, infertility, or other sexual dysfunction, and drugs used for cosmetic indications. Because these drugs do not meet the State Medi-Cal definition for medical necessity, TAR exceptions are not allowed. Medical Necessity is defined as: Treatment that is reasonable and necessary to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability, or to alleviate severe pain. Welfare and Institution Code 14059.5(a).
	Discontinued NDC, Not Reimbursable	Most NDCs that are more than 18 months past the discontinuation date are dropped from the search tool. Some NDCs may remain in the search tool past the 18th month and if so, will be shown with an Obsolete NDC note. The provider will need to use an alternative (current) NDC for TARs and claims.

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Icon	Short Definition	Detailed Description
	Carved-out to State Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service	These drugs/HCPCS codes are those that are carved out of the PHC Medi-Cal benefit due to being in a carved-out medication class: Antihemophilic blood factor products, certain medications for behavioral health (eg, antipsychotics, some antidepressants), antiviral agents for HIV/AIDS, and those used for the treatment of alcohol and opiate addiction/dependence (buprenorphine, naloxone, disulfiram). In the case of the latter, some medications for the treatment of substance abuse disorder may be a PHC benefit for members enrolled in the PHC Wellness & Recovery benefit (W&R), when provided by a treating W&R facility.
	Obsolete HCPCS Code	These are codes that are not currently reimbursable, except for retro claims where the date of service falls within the valid date range for the obsolete code. Notes or the code description will guide users to the current code for the drug.
	Code Not Used by PHC, use Alternate	The CMS billing codes shown in this group are not in use by PHC at this time -- but the drug itself is reimbursable using a PHC-preferred code. Read the notes to see what billing code to use instead for PHC.

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- **Restrictions & Additional Notes Icons** (*subject to change – always navigate to the icons online for current graphic & descriptions*)

Icon	Short Definition	Detailed Description
	Additional Coverage Notes	Click on the symbol to see additional coverage explanation/information.
	Age Restriction	Drug is limited to certain age groups (without a TAR), click on the symbol for details
	Coverage Change News	Upcoming or recent changes to billing code or requirements are noted.
	Diagnosis Limit	Click on the symbol to see which indications (ICD-10s) do not require a TAR.
	Discontinued NDC (payable until 18 months past DC date)	This NDC is no longer being manufactured. PHC allows reimbursement on discontinued NDCs for dates of service up to 18 months beyond the discontinuation date. Click the symbol for the discontinuation date and last date this NDC can be billed.
	Frequency or Duration Limit	Click on the symbol to see frequency of dose or claim interval limitations.
	Prior Authorization (TAR) Criteria	Click on the symbol to access PHC TAR Requirements (prior authorization criteria).

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Icon	Short Definition	Detailed Description
	Prior Code or Status Information	The previous billing code or prior status for retroactive requests or other historical purposes.
	Quantity Limit	Shows the maximum units allowed per day or per stated time period.
	Requirements if QL exceeded	Shows what must be submitted if the dose is over the stated quantity limit.