



## SelectHealth from VNS Health Policy Clarification for Practitioner Dispensing

The following guidance supersedes previous communications on this topic. New York State Education (NYSED) Law, Article 137 §6807, authorizes practitioners, who are authorized to prescribe, to dispense *medications* directly to their patients. Additional registration or ownership of a pharmacy is not required. This dispensing must be done in accordance with federal, State, and New York State (NYS) Medicaid program policies for dispensing, billing, and record keeping.

The NYS Medicaid program reimburses for drugs furnished by practitioners to their patients on the basis of the acquisition cost to the practitioner of the drug dose provided to the patient. For all drugs dispensed to the patient, regardless of whether an invoice must be submitted to NYS Medicaid for payment, the practitioner must, and is expected to, maintain auditable records of, and limit his/her claim amount to, the actual itemized invoice cost of the drug dispensed. Practitioners may not submit an office visit claim for the sole purpose of dispensing a drug that the member can obtain at a NYS Medicaid enrolled pharmacy.

### APPLICABLE CODES

NYS Medicaid enrolled practitioners are eligible to bill medications dispensed to a patient via the medical claim format. Practitioners submit using an appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code and corresponding National Drug Code (NDC) when billing for a medication for which they have dispensed. If a specific HCPCS code has not been assigned for an oral medication, the following codes may be utilized:

HCPCS Code	Description
J8999	Rx Drug Oral Chemotherapy
J8499	Rx Drug Oral Non-Chemotherapy

**Please note:** The use of the codes provided above will require invoice and policy criteria verification. Policy and billing guidelines can be found on the [eMedNY "Physician Manual" web page](#).

**Reminder:** A practitioner that dispenses prescriptions directly to their patient are not considered a pharmacy and, therefore, is not required to be enrolled as a pharmacy provider.

### QUESTIONS

For assistance with SelectHealth from VNS Health billing questions including: reimbursement, billing, and/or documentation requirement questions: please call 1-866-783-0222.