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Calculating Units for Drug Prior Authorizations under Medical Benefit

To ensure timely and accurate claims payment, all prior authorization requests for drugs and services must document the dosage, duration (DOS), number of doses/visits, and the quantities or number of units needed and appropriate per the HCPCS code description. The request should reflect the same quantities or units that will appear on claims submission.

If the quantities or units are not clearly documented, additional clarification will be requested.

The request will be considered **incomplete** in the absence of the HCPCS code, dosage and number of doses scheduled.

Please document:

- Dosage Administered is _____
- The total number of doses to be given is _____
- HCPCS description of drug, including the unit dose.

Note: the dosage that is included in the HCPCS code description equals 1 unit or _____ unit dose.

Calculation: (Dosage x Number of doses) / unit dose

Example: HCPCS J0135 Adalimumab (humira), 20 mg
Chron's Disease, Maintenance 40 mg SQ every other week x 6 month
40mg x 12 doses = 480mg;
480 mg divided by 20 mg/unit = 24 units total

If you have questions, feel free to contact us for clarification or additional instruction.

TEMPLE - Provider Authorization line (Intake): 888.316.7947/254.298.3088
LUBBOCK – FC/RC Provider Authorization line (Intake): 800.884.4905

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