

# State of Connecticut

## Frequently Asked Questions Concerning J Codes

1. **What is your State's process for converting J Codes to Drug NDC?**
  - a. The State of Connecticut maintains a J Code Crosswalk which converts J Codes to National Drug Codes (NDC).
2. **Are third parties utilized in this process?**
  - a. The State of Connecticut contracts with Gainwell Technologies to act as its fiscal agent. Gainwell Technologies updates and maintains the J Code crosswalk and is responsible for the invoicing of drugs for rebate.
3. **Is the J Code to NDC conversion a one-to-one relationship, or a one to multiple?**
  - a. As of March 1, 2005, Connecticut has required the providers to submit the corresponding 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) on the CMS 1500 claim form when billing J Codes. The NDC will then be systematically captured for drug rebate invoicing. This has enabled the State of Connecticut to invoice all J-codes, both single source and multi-source products.
4. **Does the state have a process to validate the units being reported by the physician?**
  - a. Yes
5. **What are the specifics of this validation process?**
  - a. The State of Connecticut maintains a J Code crosswalk to ensure correct invoicing of units. Claims are also manually reviewed by a Gainwell Technologies staff pharmacist. Claims for new products that do not have a CMS assigned J Code are billed by physicians using the "unclassified J Codes" (J3490, J3590, and J9999). All unclassified J Code claims suspend for payment and require manual pricing by the pharmacy staff. When billing using the unclassified codes, providers are required to include the NDC of the product dispensed on the CMS 1500.
6. **What is the specific calculation the state applies to convert J Code units to the unit of measurement utilized under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program?**
  - a. The State of Connecticut's J Code crosswalk converts the J Code units to the appropriate CMS rebate units. We use the conversion factor to appropriately adjust the invoiced units to the rebate units. For Herceptin (J9355) 10mg, we use a conversion factor of 10. For each 1 unit of J9355 billed by the physician, our crosswalk will multiple this billed unit by 10 and invoice 10mg for rebate. Each J Code is assigned a conversion factor on our crosswalk for correct invoicing. The Crosswalk is updated at least annually with the HCPC updates, but more often, if necessary, by a Gainwell Technologies pharmacist consultant.