

CBR202210: Bronchodilator Nebulizer Medications

Guidance and Considerations



Caution

As you perform your internal compliance reviews, keep the following in mind:

Insufficient documentation and medical necessity errors can result in improper payments for nebulizers and related drugs.

Source: [2021 Medicare Fee-for-Service Supplemental Improper Payment Data](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CMS.gov.



Review

Review encounter documentation and choose your code carefully, according to the service provided to the patient and the services documented for the encounter. Remember, if it was not documented, it was not done!



Implement: Bronchodilator Nebulizer Medications

Help reduce the possibility of improper payments by taking the following actions:

- Review documentation and code selection on a recurring schedule to ensure accuracy and compliance
- Take medical necessity into consideration when referring patients for bronchodilator nebulizer medications