

# Self-Administered Medications (for Louisiana Only)

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## Application

This Medical Benefit Drug Policy only applies to the state of Louisiana.

## Coverage Rationale

Self-administered medications are not reimbursed on medical benefit plans.

Medications will be considered self-administered based on the following:

- Medication is **not** typically administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting; **and**
- Medication does **not** require continuous or periodic monitoring immediately before, during, or after administration by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting; **and**
- Route of administration (e.g., oral, inhaled, intranasal, topical, rectal, subcutaneous or self-injectable intramuscular injections); **and**
- Dosage form (e.g., prefilled syringe, auto-injector, tablet, capsule, suppository, nasal spray, metered dose inhaler, nebulized solution); **and**
- Acuity of condition (e.g., chronic disease); **and**
- Frequency of administration; **and**
- Standards of medical practice allowing for self-administration (e.g., self-infused hemophilia factor); **and**
- Evaluation of any established medical literature or compendia including but not limited to:
  - FDA approved prescribing information
  - Manufacturer provided medical literature
  - Peer reviewed medical literature
  - Evidence-based practice guidelines
  - Self-administration utilization statistics
  - Compendia (e.g., IBM Micromedex® DRUGDEX®, Clinical Pharmacology)

## Applicable Codes

Refer to the [Self-Administered Medications List](#) for applicable HCPCS codes for medications UnitedHealthcare has determined to be “self-administered” based upon the review of evidence stated within the [Coverage Rationale](#). Any applicable clinician administered dosage formulations (e.g., intravenous infusion) of the drugs on the [Self-Administered Medications List](#) may be covered under the medical benefit.

Revenue Code	Description
0637	Self-administered drugs (use this revenue code for self-administered drugs not requiring detailed coding)

## Background

Medications administered by the patient that do not require direct supervision by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional are considered self-administered drugs and not covered under the medical benefit.

## References

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3. Lexicomp Online, Lexi-Drugs Online, Hudson, Ohio: Wolters Kluwer Clinical Drug Information, Inc.
4. [Drugs@FDA: FDA Approved Drug Products](#).

## Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
08/01/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine review; no content changes</li> <li>• Archived previous policy version CSLA2023D0073A</li> </ul>

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