

Drug Modifiers

Waste Modifiers



Modifier	When to use	Required Date
JW	Report the wasted amount	January 1, 2017
JZ	Report non-discarded amounts	July 1, 2023

Applies to single use vials/packages of separately payable (buy & bill) drugs only.

- Report per billing unit, not dose amount.
- Waste is not reported when less than a single billing unit.

Example

A patient receives 450 mg of bevacuzimab/Avastin. If the provider uses five 100 mg vials, the drug would be reported as such:

J9035 45 units with JZ modifier to indicate no waste in 450 mg

J9035 5 units with JW modifier to indicate 5 mg wasted product

Resources

ASCO: [2023 Coding Updates](#)

CMS: [Chapter 17 of CMS' Claims Processing Manual](#), [CMS' Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Final Rule](#), [CMS' JW and JZ Modifier Policy FAQ](#)