


Drug Modifiers

Waste Modifiers

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Modifier	When to use	Required Date
JW	Report the wasted amount	January 1, 2017
JZ	Report non-discarded amounts	July 1, 2023
TB	Drugs acquired through 340B Drug Pricing Program	January 1, 2025

- JW and JZ modifiers apply 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 50 mg wasted product

If this drug were purchased through the 340B program, a TB modifier would be added to each line.

Additional Resources

American Society of Clinical Oncology
[2023 Coding Updates](#)

CMS

[Chapter 17 of CMS' Claims Processing Manual](#)

[CMS' 2023 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Final Rule](#)

[CMS' JW and JZ Modifier Policy FAQ](#)

[MLN4800856 - Medicare Part B Inflation Rebate Guidance: Use of the 340B Modifier](#)