



# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Physicians, Pharmacies, Home Health Agencies and Hospitals participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Risperdal Consta

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**NOTE: For clients covered under the mental health managed care plan, please contact Magellan at (800) 424-0333.** Fee-for-Service clients receiving injections in either the physician's office or in an outpatient hospital setting do not require prior authorization.

- Risperdal Consta is a long-acting injectable medication that has been approved by the FDA for the treatment of schizophrenia. Nebraska Medicaid coverage may be available for both Mental Health managed care clients and Fee-for-Service clients who have accepted clinical indications: schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar, and psychosis NOS.
- Medicaid regulations require that services be "medically necessary". Therefore, Risperdal Consta may be covered for a client: (1) with an approved diagnosis in whom the oral medication has been determined effective, and who (2) is not able to be compliant with the oral form or (3) cannot tolerate the oral form or (4) is being treated with other depot medications but is experiencing either adverse side effects or breakthrough symptoms.
- Medicaid will cover Risperdal Consta when administered in a physician's office/clinic or outpatient hospital setting. Certain exceptions may be made under extenuating circumstances, which will be addressed in Part II of this bulletin.
- Medicaid policy requires that **all** injectable medications given in a physician's office or clinic must be purchased by the office or clinic and billed to Medicaid. These injectable medications are to be billed at the provider's cost for the drug. Additional services associated with an injection, such as an administration fee and an office visit or med check, if appropriate, may also be billed.
- For the dual eligible client (a person who has Medicare and Medicaid), Medicare is the primary payor. Medicaid coverage is limited to reimbursement for coinsurance and deductible following Medicare's review and reimbursement determination. Follow Medicare's current claim filing guidelines.

**PART I**  
**RISPERDAL CONSTA**  
**NEBRASKA MEDICAID BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

Physician's Offices and Clinics

1. Use the CMS 1500 form or submit electronically on the 837P.
2. Use the appropriate HCPCS code for the medication.
  - a. For dates of service beginning 01/01/2005, the code **J2794** has been designated for "risperidone, long acting, **0.5 mg**".
  - b. Please note: Risperdal Consta comes in 25, 37.5 and 50 mg doses. The units of service for J2794 must be a multiple of 0.5 according to the dose given; e.g. an injection of 37.5 mg would be indicated by 75 units of service.
3. Use the appropriate CPT code for the administration of an IM injection. (90772)
4. Use the CPT code for the appropriate level office visit or medication check, if done.
5. Submit your invoice from the purchase of the drug with your claim. Note the client's name, date of service and dosage given on the invoice.
6. Medicaid will reimburse the lower of submitted charges (invoice cost) or the maximum allowable per the Medicaid fee schedule for the procedure code. The medicaid practitioner fee schedule is available for review at [www.hhs.state.ne.us/med/medindex.htm](http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/med/medindex.htm).

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**PART II  
RISPERDAL CONSTA  
PHARMACY SERVICES EXCEPTION PROCESS**

- Due to special storage requirements and complicated delivery system, Risperdal Consta is not covered as a pharmacy service unless extenuating circumstances are documented.
- Requests for special consideration of coverage of Risperdal Consta as a pharmacy service will be handled on a case by case basis.
- A physician's order to give the injection in the patient's home or nursing home does not deem the service covered under the pharmacy program. See the information below regarding how to request approval for those locations.

**NOTE: For clients covered under the mental health managed care plan, please contact Magellan at (800) 424-0333 for coverage conditions/information.**

**A. Non-hospital facilities**

- For those clients not covered under the mental health managed care plan who reside in Nursing Homes and other non-hospital facilities, a request for Risperdal Consta to be provided as a pharmacy service is to be directed to the Nebraska Medicaid Department. Please submit the request on the attached form.

**Fax** the request to "Attention: Pharmacy Consultant" at **(402) 471-9092** or mail to:

Pharmacy Consultant  
Medicaid Pharmacy Program  
P.O. Box 95026  
Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

**B. Home**

- If a home health skilled nursing visit is needed to administer an in-home injection for a client **not** covered under the mental health managed care plan; contact a home health agency who will be responsible for obtaining the authorization for the drug and the home health skilled visit **prior** to the injection of the Risperdal Consta.

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**PART III  
RISPERDAL CONSTA  
HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT BILLING**

- The cost of the drug and the administration fee for injectable psychotropic medications provided in an outpatient hospital setting is paid at the lower of the invoice cost or fee schedule rate in effect on the date of service.
  1. Hospital outpatient claims are billed on the CMS 1450 (UB92) or electronically on the 837I. Use your facility's psych provider number if you have one. Use your facility's medical/surgical number only if you do not have a psych number.
  2. Psychotropic injections provided in the outpatient hospital setting are to be billed using the appropriate revenue codes for the service provided.
    - a. Use Revenue code 636 with HCPCS code J2794 for the drug.
    - b. Use Revenue code 761 for the treatment room (includes the injection fee).
    - c. The dosage of the Risperdal Consta must be included in the comment section of the claim.
    - d. For the **DUAL ELIGIBLE CLIENT** (person who has Medicare and Medicaid), the drug is to be billed according to Medicare directives.
- Note: Medications given during an inpatient hospitalization are included in the per diem or DRG payment amount for that inpatient care.

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