

**BOTULINUM TOXIN TYPE A & TYPE B**

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**FOR MEDICARE**

For indications that don't meet criteria of NCD, local LCD or specific medical policy a Pre-Service Organization Determination (PSOD) will need to be completed. Get more information on PSOD [in our Provider Manual](#).

**POLICY SPECIFIC INFORMATION****Reimbursement rates**

Find reimbursement rates for the codes listed on this page in our standard fee schedules for your contract. [See our fee schedules](#) (login required).

**Reimbursement specifics**

Priority Health will allow for one injection per site regardless of the number of injections made into the site. Payment will be based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).

**Billing details & coding specifics**

Determine the Number of Units and bill with the applicable CPT code:

- **J0585:** Injection, onabotulinumtoxinA, 1 unit- An injection of botulinum toxin type A. This drug is typically used to relax severe muscle spasms, reduce gland secretions, or for cosmetic enhancement.
- **J0586:** Injection, abobotulinumtoxinA, 5 units- An injection of botulinum toxin type A. This drug is typically used to relax severe muscle spasms, reduce gland secretions, or for cosmetic enhancement.
- **J0587:** Injection, rimabotulinumtoxinB, 100 units- An injection of botulinum toxin type B. This drug is typically used for an extremely severe spasm of the neck muscles
- **J0588:** injection, incobotulinumtoxinA, 1 unit- An injection of botulinum toxin type A. This drug is typically used to relax severe muscle spasms, reduce gland secretions, or for cosmetic enhancement

**Documentation requirements**

Complete and thorough documentation to substantiate the procedure performed is the responsibility of the provider. In addition, the provider should consult any specific documentation requirements that are necessary of any applicable defined guidelines.

Documentation should include:

1. Medical necessity for botulinum toxin (type A or type B)
2. Medical necessity of electromyography procedures performed in conjunction with botulinum toxin type A injections to determine the proper injection sites
3. A covered diagnosis
4. The specific sites injected
5. Dosage and the frequency of the injections
6. Effectiveness of the injections

**Modifiers**

Priority Health follows standard billing and coding guidelines which include CMS NCCI. Modifiers should be applied when applicable based on this guidance and only when supported by documentation.

Incorrect application of modifiers will result in denials. The modifier list below may not be an all-inclusive list. Learn more about modifier use [in our Provider Manual](#).

- **JW:** Drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient
- **JZ:** Zero drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient

### **Place of service**

Coverage will be considered for services furnished in the appropriate setting to the patient's medical needs and condition. Authorization may be required. Get more information [in our Provider Manual](#).

### **DISCLAIMER**

CMS and/or MDHHS guidelines apply unless otherwise specified in this policy or provider manual. Where such guidance is absent, this policy applies. Priority Health's billing policies outline our guidelines to assist providers in accurate claim submissions and define reimbursement or coding requirements if the service is covered by a Priority Health member's benefit plan. The determination of visits, procedures, DME, supplies and other services or items for coverage under a member's benefit plan or authorization isn't being determined for reimbursement. Authorization requirements and medical necessity requirements appropriate to procedure, diagnosis and frequency are still required. We use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and other defined medical coding guidelines for coding accuracy.

An authorization isn't a guarantee of payment when proper billing and coding requirements or adherence to our policies aren't followed. Proper billing and submission guidelines must be followed. We require industry standard, compliant codes defined by CPT, HCPCS and revenue codes for all claim submissions. CPT, HCPCS, revenue codes, etc., can be reported only when the service has been performed and fully documented in the medical record to the highest level of specificity. Failure to document for services rendered or items supplied will result in a denial. To validate billing and coding accuracy, payment integrity pre- or post-claim reviews may be performed to prevent fraud, waste and abuse. Unless otherwise detailed in the policy, our billing policies apply to both participating and non-participating providers and facilities.

If guidelines detailed in government program regulations, defined in policies and contractual requirements aren't followed, Priority Health may:

- Reject or deny the claim
- Recover or recoup claim payment

An authorization on file for an item or services doesn't supersede coding, billing or reimbursement requirements.

These policies may be superseded by mandates defined in provider contracts or state, federal or CMS contracts or requirements. We make every effort to update our policies in a timely manner to align to these requirements or contracts. If there's a delay in implementation of a policy or requirement defined by state or federal law, as well as contract language, we reserve the right to recoup and/or recover claim payments to the effective dates per our policy. We reserve the right to update policies when necessary. Our most current policy will be made available [in our Provider Manual](#).

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## **CHANGE / REVIEW HISTORY**

Date	Revisions made