

# Drug 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

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.
- Overfill amounts are not billed per CMS regulation.

## 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 **no** modifier to indicate administered amount

J9035 5 units with **JW** modifier to indicate 50 mg wasted product

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If the patient received all the product, the drug would use the JZ modifier instead:

J9035 50 units with **JZ** modifier indicating no wasted product.

If a drug is purchased through the 340B program, a TB modifier would be required for each applicable line starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

## Resources

CMS: [Chapter 17 of CMS' Claims Processing Manual](#), [CMS' Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Final Rule](#), [CMS' JW and JZ Modifier Policy FAQ: Drug Wastage - JW and JZ Modifiers](#); [CMS JW Modifier and JZ Modifier Policy HCPCS Codes](#); [Use of the 340B Modifier](#)

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