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for Long Acting Injectable
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Long acting injectable antipsychotic medications (LAIs), along with other physician administered drugs (PADs), are covered by Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) as physician services. A full list of covered PADs is found in Appendix X on the [Billing Manuals web page](#) under the Appendices drop-down. The payment amount for PADs is available on the [Provider Rate and Fee Schedule web page](#) under the Physician Administered Drug Fee Schedule drop-down.

Appendix X is updated monthly and the Physician Administered Drug Fee Schedule is updated quarterly.

Examples of covered LAIs:

- Risperdal Consta - J2794
- Invega Trinza - J2426
- Zyprexa Relprevv - J2358
- Abilify Maintena ER - J0401



**Payment for Long Acting
Injectables (LAIs)**

**Administration at a Physician Office or
Community Mental Health Center**

Payment is either the fee schedule amount that was active on the date of service multiplied by the appropriate units billed or the billed amount, whichever is lower. See the fee schedule link located above.

Administration at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

The costs expended by the FQHC to acquire the drug are in the cost report and included in the calculation of the encounter rate an FQHC receives for every payable encounter. There is no separate payment for the medication.

Physician Administered Drugs (PADs) Billing

PADs are billed as physician services. The Crosswalk (see the Appendix X link above) is made available as a billing guide for providers and outlines valid Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/National Drug Code (NDC) combinations. The provider is to bill for the NDC of the drug administered to the Health First Colorado member in conjunction with a valid HCPCS combination, or the claim will be denied.

When billing for Long Acting Injectables (LAIs) and all other PADs, the Crosswalk must be utilized for determining HCPCS units.

Example:

A provider administers Invega Trinza 410 mg/1.315 mL in the office on January 27, 2020.

- The NDC on the drug label was 50458-607-01.
 - The dose administered was 410 mg.
 - Date of service was January 27, 2020.
1. Appendix X is to be referenced and the NDC for the drug administered is found to crosswalk to the HCPCS J2426. The claim must represent the HCPCS (J2426) and the 11-digit NDC (50458060701).

J2426	Injection, paliperidone palmitate extended release, 1 mg	50458060701	INVEGA TRINZA 410 MG/1.315 ML	06/08/2015	12/31/9999
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2. HCPCS units are calculated by dividing the dose administered by the HCPCS description units: (410 mg) / (1 mg) = 410 HCPCS units to be billed.
3. The PAD Fee Schedule shows the following rate for the date of service: \$11.20.
4. Colorado interChange calculates the payment for the line at the lower of amount billed or HCPCS units multiplied by the rate (410 x 11.20 = \$4,592.00).

Pharmacy

Health First Colorado does not allow patients to obtain a Long Acting Injectable (LAI) from the pharmacy to be injected by staff at a Physician Office, Community Mental Health Center, or Federally Qualified Health Center. A pharmacist cannot administer a LAI to a Health First Colorado member in the pharmacy.

Rate Methodology

The fee schedule rate for most physician administered drugs is adjusted quarterly to match the published Medicare Average Sales Price Drug Pricing File minus 3.3%. The Medicare Average Sales Price information can be found on the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Medicare Part B Drug Average Sales Price web page](#).

Health First Colorado is required to pay the published Medicare Average Sales Price minus 3.3% or, if that is unavailable, to pay Wholesale Acquisition Cost for Physician Administered Drugs to comply with the State Plan (page 550) available on the [Colorado Medicaid State Plan web page](#).

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