Billing Medicare for Drug Waste

**Question**
When can I bill Medicare for drug waste?

**Answer**

According to our Medicare contractor, National Government Services (NGS), drug waste will be paid by Medicare when the following three conditions are met:

- A provider administers a portion of a *single dose vial* to a *Medicare* patient and discards the remainder of the vial

- The provider *documents the amount administered and the amount wasted* in the medical record

- Providers keep the most appropriate sized vials on hand to reduce the amount of drug waste

Please note that providers can’t bill Medicare for waste associated with a multi-dose vial.