

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.