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# **DHA UBO Webinar: Pharmacy Rates**

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# UBO Pharmacy Pricing Policy Disclaimer

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- The UBO Pharmacy Rate File does not limit availability of pharmaceuticals.
- It establishes which formulary and over the counter (OTC) pharmaceuticals by **National Drug Code (NDC)** can be billed at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs).
- It establishes NDC-based ingredient unit rates used to calculate pharmaceutical charge(s) billed under all three UBO Cost Recovery Programs.

Note: “The Drug Listing Act of 1972 requires registered drug establishments to provide the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with a current list of all drugs manufactured, prepared, propagated, compounded, or processed by it for commercial distribution. Drug products are identified and reported using a unique, three-segment number, called the National Drug Code (NDC), which serves as a universal product identifier for drugs.”

\*Source FDA web site: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases/national-drug-code-directory>

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# UBO Pharmacy Rate Files

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- UBO Pharmacy Rate Files are typically updated twice per year
- The latest UBO Pharmacy Rate became effective 12/6/2021
- There are two rate files used to establish UBO pricing pharmaceuticals
- The Ingredient Rate File – Pricing for over 100k NDCs
  - NDC
  - NDC Description
  - Dose Form
  - Unit Price (charge for each unit of the pharmaceutical)
- The Dispensing Fee Rate File
  - Standard charge per prescription

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# Current Source for Pharmacy Pricing Data

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- PDTS (Pharmacy Data Transaction Service) data is supplemented with the MMC (Medical Master Catalogue) as the source files for Rx data.
  - PDTS data houses all NDCs that have been prescribed in the last 6.5 years.
- Average Wholesale Price (AWP)
  - Represents the pharmaceutical vendor's list price for the NDC, rather than the true average wholesale price charged
  - Does not account for the discounts available to various payers, or reflect actual costs
- Prime Vendor Program (PVP)
  - Reflects actual negotiated contract prices

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# Pharmacy Rate Setting Terminology

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- Each NDC, except for supplies and equipment, belongs to a Generic Sequence Number (GSN) cohort containing the NDCs with the same:
  - Active ingredient(s)
  - Strength
  - Dosage form
- For each GSN cohort, the unit measure price (e.g., price per pill, price per ml, price for each) for the individual NDCs in the cohort is used to determine the overall unit measure price for the GSN.
- The GSN unit measure price is then used to price the individual NDCs in the UBO pharmacy rate file.

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# UBO Pharmacy Pricing Assets

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- **UBO Pharmacy Rate File** – Provides the pricing for individual units of the NDCs.
- **Biller's Edition Workbook** – Provides additional data on each NDC to assist billers with resolving pharmacy reimbursement issues.
- **Pharmacy Pricing Estimator (PPE)** – Provides a calculator to determine the price for a pharmaceutical based on the drug, quantity, and dispensing fee.

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# UBO Pharmacy Rate Files
















UBO Pharmacy Pricing Files available for  
download: <https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/SitePages/MHSUBORates.aspx>

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# Biller's Edition Supplement to the Rx Rate File

DHA UBO Rx Release Notes:			
1) Below is comprehensive list (by 11 Digit NDC) of ALL MHS UBO Pharmaceutical Unit			
2) The List Contains BOTH Formulary and OTC (over the counter) NDC Units			
3) Field Name Descriptions can be found in the last tab of this workbook			
NDC	Name	DOSE_FORM	UNIT_PRICE
00039006013	LASIX 40 MG TABLET	TA	\$ 0.06
00039006605	LASIX 80 MG TABLET	TA	\$ 0.12
00039006710	LASIX 20 MG TABLET	TA	\$ 0.06
00039022110	AMARYL 1 MG TABLET	TA	\$ 0.13
00039022210	AMARYL 2 MG TABLET	TA	\$ 0.16
00039022310	AMARYL 4 MG TABLET	TA	\$ 0.28
00043001336	GAS-X TABLET CHEWABLE	TC	\$ 0.01
00043001718	GAS-X EX-STR 125 MG TAB CHEW	TC	\$ 0.14
00043011336	GAS-X TABLET CHEWABLE	TC	\$ 0.01
00043011718	GAS-X EX-STR 125 MG TAB CHEW	TC	\$ 0.14
00043011748	GAS-X EX-STR 125 MG TAB CHEW	TC	\$ 0.14
00043013410	GAS-X EXTRA STRENGTH SOFTGEL	CA	\$ 0.14

## Workbook design layout:

- Tab #1: Comprehensive listing of BOTH Formulary & Over the Counter (OTC NDCs (plus descriptors))
- Tab #2: Comprehensive listing of ONLY OTC NDCs (plus descriptors)
- Tab #3: DHA NDC Prior Authorization Listing

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# Billers' Edition Dosage Forms

## NDC Product/Dosage Form Codes & Definitions:

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<b>NDC</b>	<b>DOSAGE_FORM_CD</b>	<b>HIC3_DESC</b>	<b>GCDF_DESC</b>
00039006013	TA	LOOP DIURETICS	TABLET
00039006605	TA	LOOP DIURETICS	TABLET
00039006710	TA	LOOP DIURETICS	TABLET
00039022110	TA	ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC, INSULIN-RELEASE STIMULANT TY	TABLET
00039022210	TA	ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC, INSULIN-RELEASE STIMULANT TY	TABLET
00039022310	TA	ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC, INSULIN-RELEASE STIMULANT TY	TABLET
00043001336	TC	ANTIFLATULENTS	TABLET,CHEWABLE
00043001718	TC	ANTIFLATULENTS	TABLET,CHEWABLE
00043011336	TC	ANTIFLATULENTS	TABLET,CHEWABLE
00043011718	TC	ANTIFLATULENTS	TABLET,CHEWABLE
00043011748	TC	ANTIFLATULENTS	TABLET,CHEWABLE
00043013410	CA	ANTIFLATULENTS	CAPSULE

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# Billers' Edition Data Elements

## Billers' Edition Workbook: Data Elements and Definitions:

### UBO Pharmaceutical Field Names and Descriptions:

**NDC:** 11 digit National Drug Code assigned to drug products composed of three distinct subcodes: labeler, product, and package size.

**SRC\_OF\_SUPL\_CD:** Denotes whether item is from Prime Vendor Program, Federal Supply Schedule or Average Wholesale Price

**UNIT\_PRICE:** Price per item

**AHFS\_THER\_CLS\_CD:** American Hospital Formulary Service Therapeutic Classification Code which identifies the pharmacologic therapeutic category of the drug product according to the American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS) classification system.

**AHFS\_THER\_CLS\_DESC:** American Hospital Formulary Service Therapeutic Classification Code Description

**PS:** Package Size

**GNN:** Generic Name of an ingredient independent of trade or brand names.

**LN:** Label Name

**UD:** Unit Dose indicator

**DOSAGE\_FORM\_CD:** Dosage Form Code

**CL\_CD:** Classification Code which indicates over-the-counter or prescription, according to its availability to the consumer per federal specifications.

**UM:** Unit of Measure

**GCRT:** Route of Administration code

**GCRT\_DESC:** Route of Administration description

**HIC3\_DESC:** Hierarchical Ingredient 3 digit Code description

**GCDF\_DESC:** Dosage Form Description

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# Prior Authorization for Pharmaceuticals

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## Prior Authorization NDCs:

- Payers require prior authorization for certain prescription pharmaceuticals
  - The exact list of drugs that require prior authorization varies depending on payer
  - Each payer has its own set of procedures for obtaining authorization
  - Claims without proper authorization may be rejected by payers
  - This has the potential to impact Third Party Collections revenue
- In response to requests from the field, the UBO PO maintains a list of drugs that commonly require prior authorization has been created
- The Billers Edition provides a historical list to MTFs for reference purposes

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# Sample Formulary Search\_HARVONI

## TRICARE Formulary Search Tool

Help us to accurately determine your coverage. Please provide the following information.

I would like to search for a drug as a

Gender  Male  Female

Age

Drug Name

Search

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# Sample Formulary Search\_HARVONI

## Drug Strength ✕

You searched for: **"HARVONI"**. Select the drug name below.

Name	Strength <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">▼</span>	Form <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">▼</span>	All Drug Types <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">▼</span>	<u>Generic equivalent</u> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">i</span>
<a href="#">Harvoni 90-400 Mg Tablet</a>	90mg-400mg	Tablet	Brand	

Are there forms my doctor may need to fill out? **YES**

**Prior Authorization Form**

Applies to the above limitations.

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# UBO Pharmacy Price Estimator


- UBO Pharmacy Pricing Estimator is also available to assist with pharmaceutical pricing at
  - <https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/SitePages/MHSUBORates.aspx>

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# UBO Pharmacy Pricing

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## Pricing Pharmaceuticals using the UBO Pharmacy Rate Methodology:

- Formula used to determine the beneficiary's final charge:
  - **Final Charge = [ The NDC unit price multiplied by the quantity dispensed ] + [ The fixed DHA UBO dispensing fee]** (effective on the script's fill date)
- Note a pharmaceutical's "quantity dispensed" can take many product forms: Tablets, ounces, grams, caplets, etc. Look these up in the Formulary and OTC Unit Rates – Biller's Edition workbook.
- Specific NDC pricing Examples of different product forms on the following slides

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Tablets/Capsules)

## Examples of Tablet and Capsule Product Forms (Dosage Form)

Product Form	Product Form Description	Product Form	Product Form Description
CA	CAPSULE (HARD, SOFT, ETC.)	TH	TABLET, HYPODERMIC
CB	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE 12 HR	TI	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 24HR
CC	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE 24 HR	TJ	TABLET, DISPERSIBLE
CD	CAPSULE, WITH INHALATION DEVICE	TL	LOZENGE
CE	CAPSULE, DELAYED RELEASE (ENTERIC COATED)	TM	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 12HR
CG	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 30-70	TO	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 12HR SEQUENTIAL
CH	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 50-50	TQ	TABLET, SUST. RELEASE, PARTICLES/CRYSTALS
CI	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 12 HR	TR	TABLET, PARTICLES/CRYSTALS IN
CJ	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 24 HR	TS	TABLET, SUSTAINED ACTION
CK	CAPSULE, SPRINKLE	TT	TROCHE
CM	CAPSULE, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE	TU	TABLET, SUBLINGUAL
CN	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED RELEASE PELLETS	TW	WAFER
CP	CAPSULE, 24HR SUSTAINED RELEASE PELLETS	TZ	TABLET, OSMOTIC LASER-DRILLED FORM.
CR	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED ACTION 24 HR	UA	TABLET, SEQUENTIAL
CS	CAPSULE, SUSTAINED ACTION	UB	TABLET, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE
CT	CAPSULE, DEGRADABLE CONTROLLED-RELEASE	UD	TABLET, DOSE PACK
CX	CAP DR MP	UE	TABLET, SUSTAINED ACTION SEQUENTIAL
EA	EACH	UF	TABLET, SUSTAINED RELEASE 8HR
EX	TAB ER2 24	UG	CAPSULE, DOSE PACK
GT	TABLET, SUST. REL., GASTRIC RETENTION 24HR	UH	TABLET, DOSE PACK, 3 MONTHS
TA	TABLET	UI	TABLET, SR OSMOTIC PUSH 24HR
TB	TABLET, SOLUBLE	UJ	TABLET, RAPID DISSOLVE, DELAYED RELEASE
TC	TABLET, CHEWABLE	UL	TABLET, RAPID DISSOLVE
TE	TABLET, DELAYED RELEASE (ENTERIC COATED)	UO	TABLET, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 12HR
TF	TABLET, EFFERVESCENT	UP	TABLET, MULTIPHASIC RELEASE 24HR
TG	GUM	UR	TABLET AND CAPSULE, SEQUENTIAL

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Tablets)

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## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00904585340
- Quantity Dispensed = 30

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00904585340
- NDC Name/Description = IBUPROFEN 400 MG TABLET
- Dosage/Product Form Code = TA
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$0.07

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
( $\$0.07 \times 30$ ) + \$2.00 = **\$4.10**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Capsules – Different Strengths)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- 2 NDC(s) = Rx1 = 54092038301, Rx2 = 54092038501
- Quantity Dispensed = Rx1 = 90, Rx2 = 60

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC(s) = Rx1 = 54092038301; Rx2 = 54092038501
- NDC Name/Description(s) = Rx1 =ADDERALL XR 10 MG CAPSULE,  
Rx2 =ADDERALL XR 15 MG CAPSULE
- Dosage/Product Form Code = CC (CAPSULE, EXT RELEASE 24 HR )
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = Rx1 =\$1.68; Rx2 = \$1.51

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee

RX1: (\$1.68 x 90) + \$2.00 = **\$153.20**

RX2: (\$1.51 x 60) + \$2.00 = **\$92.60**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Vials)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00023114501
- Quantity Dispensed = 10 Units

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00023114501
- NDC Name/Description = BOTOX 100 UNITS VIAL
- Dosage/Product Form Code = HS VIAL
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$5.76 (Note: \$576.96 (Vial)/100 Units = \$5.76 per Unit)

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
( $\$5.76 \times 10$ ) + \$2.00 = **\$59.60**

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# Examples of Inhalers:

In the NDC Name description, “ADVAIR 250-50 DISKUS”

Note the “250/50” describes the inhalation powder dosage combination:

In micrograms (a microgram is 1/1,000,000 of a gram)

Example: ADVAIR DISKUS 250/50 (fluticasone propionate 250 mcg and salmeterol 50 mcg inhalation powder)

Example: ADVAIR DISKUS 500/50 (fluticasone propionate 500 mcg and salmeterol 50 mcg inhalation powder)

Product Form	Description
GH	INHALER (ML)
GI	INHALER (EA)
GJ	INHALER (GM)
GK	DISK, WITH INHALATION DEVICE
GZ	INHALER KIT (EA)
TD	DISK

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Inhalers)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00173069600
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00173069600
- NDC Name/Description = ADVAIR 250-50 DISKUS
- Dosage/Product Form Code = GK (BLISTER, WITH INHALATION DEVICE)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$3.49
- Package Size (PS) = 60

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
( $\$3.49 \times 60$ ) +  $\$2.00 = \mathbf{\$211.40}$

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Medicated Tape)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00023587080
- Quantity Dispensed = 12 inches

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00023587080
- NDC Name/Description = CORDRAN 4 MCG/SQ CM TAPE LARGE (4 mcg/sq cm—large roll, 80 in x 3 in (200 cm x 7.5 cm))
- Dosage/Product Form Code = EN (TAPE, MEDICATED )
- Unit of Measure (UM) = IN (Inches)
- Package Size (PS) = 80 -  $\$542.37/80 = \$6.78$  per Inch)

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
( $\$6.78 \times 12$ ) + \$2.00 = **\$83.36**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Creams, Gels, Ointments)

## Examples of Ointment, Gel, and Cream Product Forms

Product Form	Description	Product Form	Description
JE	BEADS (GM)	GP	GEL WITH PUMP (ML)
KA	CREAM (GRAMS)	KK	GEL, ALCOHOL BASED
KM	CREAM (MILLILITERS)	KD	GEL, SUSTAINED RELEASE (EA)
KH	CREAM IN PACKET	KR	GEL, SUSTAINED RELEASE (GM)
KS	CREAM IN PACKET (ML)	JS	GEL-FORMING SOLUTION
KW	CREAM WITH APPLICATOR	JI	GLOBULE
KV	CREAM WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR	JD	JEL (GM)
KB	CREAM, SUSTAINED RELEASE (GM)	JB	JEL (ML)
JF	GEL (EA)	JA	JELLY (GM)
JG	GEL (GM)	JW	JELLY WITH APPLICATOR (GM)
JC	GEL (ML)	JT	JELLY WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR (ML)
JR	GEL IN METERED-DOSE PUMP	KE	LOTION, SUSTAINED RELEASE
KN	GEL IN PACKET (EA)	KL	LUBRICANT
JP	GEL IN PACKET (GM)	KU	MEDICATED SHAVING CREAM (GM)
JO	GEL IN PACKET (ML)	KG	OINTMENT IN PACKET
JV	GEL WITH APPLICATOR (GM)	OW	OINTMENT WITH APPLICATOR
JX	GEL WITH APPLICATOR (ML)	OV	OINTMENT WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR
JU	GEL WITH PREFILLED APPLICATOR (GM)	OC	OINTMENT(EA)
KZ	GEL WITH PUMP (GM)	OA	OINTMENT(GM)
JH	PUDDING (EA)	OB	OINTMENT(ML)
JJ	PUDDING (GM)	GS	SPRAY GEL (ML)

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Creams)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 45334030004
- Quantity Dispensed = 120

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 45334030004 (Note this NDC is also found on OTC price tab)
- NDC Name/Description = VANICREAM SKIN CREAM
- Dosage/Product Form Code = KA (CREAM (GRAMS))
- Unit of Measure (UM) = GM
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$0.01

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
(\$0.01 x 120) + \$2.00 = **\$3.20**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Gels)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 00051845030
- Quantity Dispensed = 30 Packets

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 00051845030
- NDC Name/Description = ANDROGEL 1%(5G) GEL PACKET
- Dosage/Product Form Code = JP (GEL IN PACKET (GM) )
- Unit of Measure (UM) = GM
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$2.00

Note: 1 Packet = 5 Grams Androgel =  $\$2.00 \times 5 = \$10$

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
 $(\$10 \times 30) + \$2.00 = \$302$

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Pre-Filled Syringes)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 25021030168
- Quantity Dispensed = 4 (entire syringe)

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 25021030168
- NDC Name/Description = ADENOSINE 12 MG/4 ML SYRINGE (regulate heart)
- Dosage/Product Form Code = HQ DISPOSABLE SYRINGE (ML)
- Unit of Measure (UM) = ML
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$6.24

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee

(\$6.24 x 4) + \$2.00 = **\$26.96**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Reusable Syringes)

## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 08290002131
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 08290002131
- NDC Name/Desc = BD SYRINGE 5 ML (SYRINGE REUSABLE, 5ML )
- Dosage/Product Form Code = YC (SYRINGE, REUSABLE )
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$0.21
- Package Size = 1

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
(\$0.21 x 1) + \$2.00 = **\$2.21**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing

- Within the OTC pharmaceuticals there are several GSNs that DO NOT contain a set of homogeneous products.

Generic Sequence Number	Generic Ingredient Name Description
010828	IV EQUIPMENT
010835	INFUSION SETS-PARAPHERNALIA
010844	IV ADMIXTURE ACCESSORIES
010868	BLOOD ADMINISTRATION SET
010884	IRRIGATION SET
010926	CONTAINER,EMPTY
010944	BOTTLE,EMPTY
011074	KIT
011095	MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL SUPPLY
011190	FERTILITY KIT
011373	FOLEY KIT
011574	MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL SUPPLY
023868	NEBULIZER/COMPRESSOR
024490	SYRINGE
026490	PUMP SET
026506	ENTERAL PUMP
040874	COMBINATION PACKAGE
064092	MEDICAL INFORMATION ID TAG
065315	BLOOD PRESSURE KIT

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# NDC – Specific Pricing

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DHA UBO Program Office business rules for Miscellaneous Medical Equipment NDCs within the DHA Rx Rate File update:

1. That all unit NDC prices within these OTC GSNs will NOT be priced according to median GSN methodology.
2. That all unit NDC prices within these OTC GSNs will retain their original unit price as stated in the MMC unless there is PDTS experience for that NDC. If there is PDTS experience it will be used to set the unit prices.
3. All Unit NDC Prices for other GSNs will follow median GSN methodology.

**Note: Change became effective in August 2012**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Medical Supply/Devices)

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## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 08317544110
- Quantity Dispensed = 4

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 08317544110
- NDC Name/Description = GLUCOCARD SHINE EXPRESS METERS
- Dosage/Product Form Code = EA (Each);
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA (Each)
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$18.00

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
(\$18 x 4) + \$2.00 = **\$74**

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# NDC – Specific Pricing (Insulin Pump)

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## MTF Rx Billing Information:

- Rx Fill Date = MM/DD/YYYY (Determines Rate File To Use)
- NDC = 08508114002
- Quantity Dispensed = 1

## UBO Rx Rate File Fields to Use:

- NDC = 08508114002
- NDC Name/Description = OMNIPOD STARTER KITS
- Dosage/Product Form Code = EA (Each);
- Unit of Measure (UM) = EA
- UBO Rx NDC Unit Price = \$420.00

## Specific NDC Pricing Methodology:

(NDC Unit Measure Price x Quantity Dispensed) + \$2.00 Dispense Fee  
(\$420.00 x 1) + \$2.00 = **\$422.00**

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# Price Not in DHA UBO Rate Files

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## MTF Procedure to Request Rate for specific NDC Reimbursement:

- An MTF cannot bill services, supplies and pharmaceuticals if no DHA UBO rate exists in the file; However, under certain circumstances the DHA UBO Program Office (PO) will review an out-of-cycle request (e.g., if there is a TRICARE or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rate)
- Must provide written justification and supporting documentation for recommended charge to [UBO.Helpdesk@intellectsolutions.com](mailto:UBO.Helpdesk@intellectsolutions.com)
- Approval of a rate is MTF- or Activity-specific and cannot be used by other MTFs/Activities unless the PO states otherwise.

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# NDCs Not Found in the DHA UBO Rx Rate File

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## MTF Procedure to Request Rate for specific NDC Reimbursement:

- The billing office will contact its local procurement/supplies management activity to determine the actual price paid for the pharmaceutical (based upon NDC).
- MTF will obtain documentation/proof of purchase on the actual price paid (“the local proof of purchase”). The price paid is the government cost regardless of whether it is purchased from the MTF or central activity budget.
- If there is no local price, the billing office will draft a written explanation documenting:
  - The dispense date (specific details)
  - The volume of when/how the NDC is being dispensed

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# NDCs Not Found in the DHA UBO Rx Rate File

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## MTF Procedure to Request Rate for NDC Reimbursement:

- The billing office will forward to the DHA UBO Helpdesk the supporting documentation with a request for pricing under the Subject line: “DHA UBO Special Price Request” providing the following information:
  - The NDC and local proof of purchase
  - The quantity dispensed or number units
  - The NDC’s dispense/issue date
- The DHA UBO Helpdesk will forward the request and documentation to the pharmacy pricing SME.
- The pricing SME will verify that the NDC unit price is not in the current rate file.

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# NDCs Not Found in the DHA UBO Rx Rate File

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## MTF Procedure to Request Rate for NDC Reimbursement:

- If verified, he/she will convert the actual price submitted into the unit measure price (rate).
- If there is no local proof of purchase, he/she will review the written explanation and documentation to determine whether to recommend an out-of-cycle rates update.
- Factors considered include:
  - The number of times (volume) the NDC dispensed
  - Similar requests received from other MTF billing offices
  - The SME may send a data call to the Services

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# NDCs Not Found in the DHA UBO Rx Rate File

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## MTF Procedure to Request Rate for NDC Reimbursement:

- The SME will determine the recommended charge by:
  - Final Charge = [ The NDC unit measure price multiplied by the quantity dispensed ] + [ The fixed DHA UBO dispensing fee] (effective on the script's fill date)
- The pricing SME will submit the recommended charge and supporting justification/documentation (including no charge if insufficient justification and documentation) to the DHA UBO Program Office for review and approval.

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# Resources

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- [MHS UBO Rates | Health.mil](#)
- <https://info.health.mil/bus/brm/ubo/SitePages/MHSUBORates.aspx>
- Email specific questions to [UBO.Helpdesk@intellectsolutions.com](mailto:UBO.Helpdesk@intellectsolutions.com)

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# Questions?



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