

Convert National Drug Code from 10 to 11 Digits

Many National Drug Codes (NDCs) are displayed on drug packaging in a 10-digit format. Proper billing of an NDC requires an 11-digit number in a 5-4-2 format. Converting NDCs requires a strategically placed zero, depending on the 10-digit format. The following table shows common 10-digit NDC formats indicated on packaging and the appropriate conversion to an 11-digit format. The correctly formatted additional "0" is in bold and underlined in the following examples.

Note hyphens indicated below are used only to illustrate the various formatting examples for NDCs. Do not use hyphens when entering the NDC in your claim.

10-Digit Format on Package	10-Digit Format Example	11-Digit Format	11-Digit converted Example
4-4-2	0002-7597-01 Zyprexa 10mg vial	5-4-2	<u>0</u> 0002-7597-01
5-3-2	50242-040-62 Xolair 150mg vial	5-4-2	50242- <u>0</u> 040-62
5-4-1	60575-4112-1 Synagis 50mg vial	5-4-2	60575-4112- <u>0</u> 1