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Permanent J-code for SYFOVRE: J2781

# Billing and Coding Guide



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This guide is intended to provide general information for submitting claims to payers for reimbursement. In no way should this information be considered a guarantee of coverage or reimbursement for any product or service. Coding and coverage policies change periodically, often without warning. The responsibility to determine coverage and reimbursement parameters and appropriate coding for a particular patient or procedure is always the responsibility of the provider. The codes listed herein may not apply to all patients or to all payers. Providers should exercise independent clinical judgment when selecting codes and submitting claims to accurately reflect the services and products furnished to a specific patient. Practices should contact the applicable payer for more information on a payer's coverage, coding, and reimbursement policies.

#### **INDICATION**

SYFOVRE® (pegcetacoplan injection) is indicated for the treatment of geographic atrophy (GA) secondary to age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

#### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

 SYFOVRE is contraindicated in patients with ocular or periocular infections, and in patients with active intraocular inflammation



### **Coding Information**

The following codes may be appropriate when billing for SYFOVRE and its related services.

**Several terms** are used in Geographic Atrophy (GA) to indicate lesion location relative to the fovea

# H35.31X3: WITHOUT SUBFOVEAL INVOLVEMENT ono involvement of the fovea extrafoveal lesions nonsubfoveal lesions without subfoveal lesions

H35.31X4: WITH SUBFOVEAL INVOLVEMENT
with involvement of the fovea
foveal lesions
subfoveal lesions
with subfoveal lesions

#### The ICD-10-CM codes below are designated for GA1

Geographic Atrophy ICD-10-CM Codes¹ Used for diagnosis coding					
Nonexudative age-related macular degeneration (AMD)		Right eye	Left eye	Bilateral	
GA	Advanced atrophic <b>without</b> subfoveal involvement	H35.3113	H35.3123	H35.3133	
	Advanced atrophic <b>with</b> subfoveal involvement	H35.3114	H35.3124	H35.3134	

Used to report medical procedures and services		
CPT code	Description	
67028	Intravitreal injection of a pharmacologic agent, separate procedure	

This may not be reflective of all CPT codes that may be used for SYFOVRE.

**Modifiers** Used in conjunction with the CPT Code at left to provide further information about the procedure or service

Modifier	Description
-LT	Left eye
-RT	Right eye
-50	Bilateral

This is not an exhaustive list of modifiers, and requirements may vary by payer.

CPT=Current Procedural Terminology; ICD-10-CM=International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification. 
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- Endophthalmitis and Retinal Detachments
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## Coding Information (cont'd)

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HCPCS Code <sup>3</sup> Used for drugs administered by a medical professional					
Permanent J-code	CMS long descriptor <sup>a</sup>	Site of care			
<b>J2781</b> effective October 1, 2023	Injection, pegcetacoplan, intravitreal, 1 mg	Physician office and hospital outpatient			

J2781 is a permanent, product-specific code assigned by CMS. **Bill 15 units for each SYFOVRE injection.**\*Dose descriptor is assigned by CMS; please see full prescribing information for approved dosing.

The JZ modifier is required starting July 1, 2023.4 Please check with your patient's health plan for specific requirements.

National Drug Code (NDC) <sup>5,6</sup> Used by the FDA as an identifier for drugs				
10 – digit NDC for SYFOVRE  Many NDCs listed on drug packaging are in a 10 – digit format  11 – digit NDC for SYFOVRE  The 11 – digit NDC is derived from the 10 – digit of Many payers require the use of the 11 – digit of Many payers require the use of the 11 – digit of Many payers require the use of the 11 – digit of Many payers require the use of the 11 – digit of Many payers require the use of the 11 – digit NDC for SYFOVRE				
73606-020-01	73606-0020-01			
Dosage form and strength				
Intravitreal injection: 15 mg (0.1 mL of 150 mg/mL solution), clear, colorless to light yellow aqueous solution in a single-dose vial				

Revenue Codes <sup>7</sup> For hospital outpatient use only		
Revenue code	Description	
0636	Drugs requiring detailed coding	
0510	Clinic visit, general	

This is not an exhaustive list of revenue codes, and requirements may vary by payer.

CMS=Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; HCPCS=Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System.

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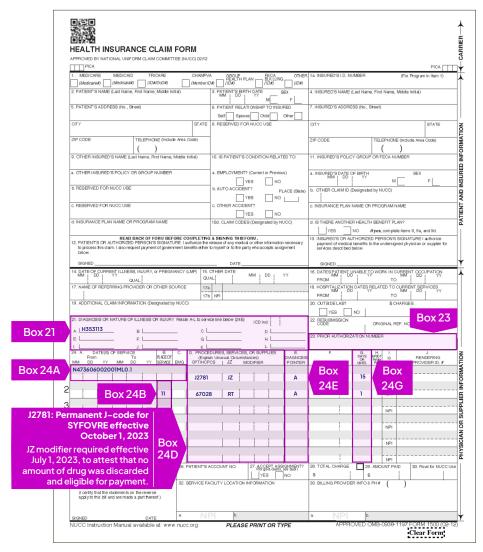




# Sample CMS-1500 Claim Form: Physician Office



The sample claim form provided below is for illustrative purposes only. It is always the provider's responsibility to determine the appropriate healthcare setting and to submit true and correct claims for the products and services rendered. Providers should contact third-party payers for specific information on their coding, coverage, payment policies, and fee schedules.



**NOTE:** Payers may vary in their specific billing and coding requirements. Please check with your patient's health plan to ensure you are providing accurate and complete information.

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#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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#### Neovascular AMD

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#### Box 21:

Enter the appropriate ICD-10-CM code corresponding to the patient's diagnosis.

#### Box 23:

If available, report the Prior Authorization number here.

#### Shaded area below box 24A:

The payer may require the N4 qualifier immediately preceding the 11-digit NDC, the unit of measurement qualifier, and unit quantity.

#### Box 24B:

Enter the place of service for physician offices.

#### Box 24D:

Include all appropriate CPT codes, modifiers, and HCPCS codes. The JZ modifier is required starting July 1, 2023.<sup>4</sup>

#### Box 24E:

Specify the diagnosis letter from Box 21 relating to each CPT/HCPCS code listed in Box 24D.

#### Box 24G:

Enter the number of units for each CPT/HCPCS code. When using the permanent J-code, bill 15 units for each SYFOVRE injection. Check with each payer for their specific coding requirements.

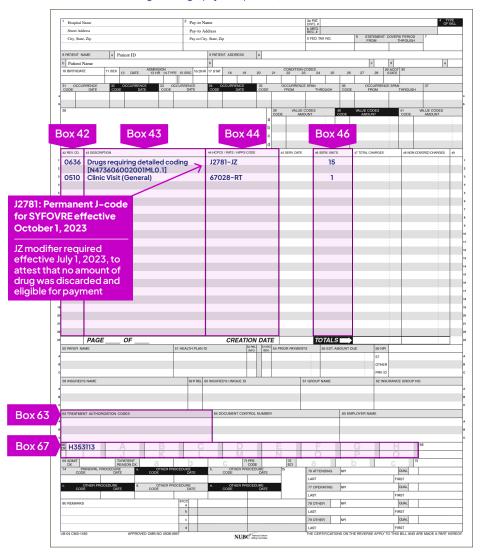




# Sample CMS-1450 (UB-04) Claim Form: Hospital Outpatient

Below is a sample CMS-1450 (UB-04) form for SYFOVRE claim submissions.

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#### Box 42:

Enter the appropriate revenue code corresponding to the HCPCS code and CPT code in Box 44.

#### Box 43:

Enter a detailed drug description, including the N4 qualifier immediately preceding the 11-digit NDC, the unit of measurement qualifier, and unit quantity.

#### Box 44:

Enter the appropriate HCPCS code for SYFOVRE as required by the payer, as well as the JZ modifier (required effective July 1, 2023). Also include the CPT code representing procedure performed, as well as the appropriate modifier.

#### Box 46:

Enter the number of HCPCS units administered. When using the permanent J-code, bill 15 units for each SYFOVRE injection. Check with each payer for their specific coding requirements.

#### Box 63:

If available, report the Treatment Authorization codes here.

#### Box 67:

Enter the appropriate ICD-10-CM code corresponding to the patient's diagnosis.

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## Tips for completing claim forms:





**Use the most appropriate ICD-10-CM and CPT codes** associated with each patient's diagnosis and care



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**Contact the payer prior to submitting the claim** to confirm the payer's method for submission and if supporting documentation is required



**Ensure the appropriate documentation that supports the information on the claim form** is in the patient's medical record in case the payer requests it



Verify the claim for accuracy and file it as soon as possible, within each payer's filing time limits



Check your contract, or contact provider services at the payer to determine reimbursement

Questions? Please reach out to your Apellis Field Reimbursement Manager or the Apellis Assist® program



### Here for your patients

The ApellisAssist program can provide assistance on a range of topics, including insurance coverage requirements, claim submission policies and procedures, and billing and coding questions.

#### To enroll your patients in Apellis Assist

Register for the portal and submit your request online at **ApellisAssistGA.com** 



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#### • Increased Intraocular Pressure

o Acute increase in IOP may occur within minutes of any intravitreal injection, including with SYFOVRE. Perfusion of the optic nerve head should be monitored following the injection and managed as needed.

#### **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

 Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥5%) are ocular discomfort, neovascular age-related macular degeneration, vitreous floaters, conjunctival hemorrhage.

#### Please see full <u>Prescribing Information</u> for more information.

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