

# How do I add more than one NDC # to a Medication CPT code?

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Only one NDC may be directly associated per CPT code in the [CPT Code table](#). However, OP Aware rules can let you cleverly manage multiple NDCs for a single CPT code by using fake CPT aliases as placeholders.

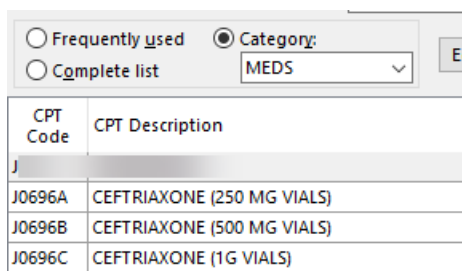
For example, a practice may stock three presentations of ceftriaxone (J0696), each with its own NDC number:

presentation	NDC (from vial)	11 digit padded NDC
250 mg vial	0409-7337-11	00409733711
500 mg vial	0409-7338-11	00409733811
1 g vial	0409-7332-11	00409733211

To minimize clicking and maximize automation, a practice might adopt this strategy:

## Step one: Create three fake CPT aliases, one for each presentation

The practice [adds new CPTs in the usual way](#) and creates three aliases, one for each presentation, by appending a letter of the alphabet. For example, if a practice creates J0696A for 250 mg vials, J0696B for 500 mg vials, and J0696C for 1 g vials, and adds each to their Meds category, the result so far would look like this:



The screenshot shows a software interface for creating CPT codes. At the top, there are two radio buttons: 'Frequently used' and 'Category:'. The 'Category:' radio button is selected, and a dropdown menu next to it shows 'MEDS'. Below this is a table with two columns: 'CPT Code' and 'CPT Description'. The table contains three rows of fake aliases for the J0696 code.

CPT Code	CPT Description
J0696A	CEFTRIAXONE (250 MG VIALS)
J0696B	CEFTRIAXONE (500 MG VIALS)
J0696C	CEFTRIAXONE (1G VIALS)

The practice need not associate NDC numbers with these vials in the CPT creation process.

## Step two: Create three new OP AWARE rules to convert each fake CPT alias back to J0696

The practice can use [OP AWARE's](#) to automatically convert the aliases back to the proper CPT code -- and add the NDC and CPT units!

For example, here is a sample rule that takes a J0696A (representing a 250 mg vial) and replaces it with a J0696, with 1 unit and the proper NDC for the 250 mg vial:

Rule Name: J0696A to J0696 Start Date: 2/20/2023 End Date:

**When Superbill contains:**  
At least one CPT code or group is required

CPT Code J0696A With the modifiers and  
when it occurs Anytime in the claim

**The superbill also contains:**

CPT Code With the modifiers and  
CPT Group

**Patient's primary insurance has:**

National Payer ID  
Insurance Code [\*]  
Claim Filing Type

**Service details include:**

Location  
Rendering Provider ID  
Diagnosis

**Demographic information includes:**

Patient age on date of service between and

**Place of service:**

**Perform the following action**  
Edit  
the following CPT code: J0696A  
Replace CPT above with: J0696

**On that CPT line include the following modifiers:**

Modifier 1  
Modifier 2  
Modifier 3  
Modifier 4

**When adding a modifier listed above:**

☒ Add to end after pre-existing modifiers  
☐ Insert before pre-existing modifiers  
☐ Replace any pre-existing modifiers

**On that CPT line add the following information:**

EPSDT  
EPSDT 2  
Units 1  
Diagnosis Code  
Diagnosis Group  
NDCID 00409733701  
Claim Note

(The red arrows indicate fields that many users forget to set... don't forget to set the fields, or the rules won't fire!)

Similarly, here is a sample rule that converts J0696B to two units of J0696, with the appropriate NDC for the 500 mg vial:

Rule Name: J0696B to J0696 Start Date: 2/20/2023 End Date:

**When Superbill contains:**  
At least one CPT code or group is required

CPT Code J0696B With the modifiers and  
when it occurs Anytime in the claim

**The superbill also contains:**

CPT Code With the modifiers and  
CPT Group

**Patient's primary insurance has:**

National Payer ID  
Insurance Code [\*]  
Claim Filing Type

**Service details include:**

Location  
Rendering Provider ID  
Diagnosis

**Demographic information includes:**

Patient age on date of service between and

**Place of service:**

**Perform the following action**  
Edit  
the following CPT code: J0696B  
Replace CPT above with: J0696

**On that CPT line include the following modifiers:**

Modifier 1  
Modifier 2  
Modifier 3  
Modifier 4

**When adding a modifier listed above:**

☒ Add to end after pre-existing modifiers  
☐ Insert before pre-existing modifiers  
☐ Replace any pre-existing modifiers

**On that CPT line add the following information:**

EPSDT  
EPSDT 2  
Units 2  
Diagnosis Code  
Diagnosis Group  
NDCID 00409733801  
Claim Note

Finally, here's a sample rule that converts J0696C to four units of J0696 with the NDC for a 1 g vial:

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Rule Name: J0696C to J0696

**When**  
**Superbill contains:**  
At least one CPT code or group is required

CPT Code J0696C With the modifiers and

when it occurs Anytime in the claim

**The superbill also contains:**

CPT Code With the modifiers and

CPT Group

**Patient's primary insurance has:**

National Payer ID

Insurance Code [\*]

Claim Filing Type

**Service details include:**

Location

Rendering Provider ID

Diagnosis

**Demographic information includes:**

Patient age on date of service between and

**Place of service:**

**Perform the following action**

Edit

the following CPT code: J0696C

Replace CPT above with: J0696

**On that CPT line include the following modifiers:**

Modifier 1

Modifier 2

Modifier 3

Modifier 4

**When adding a modifier listed above:**

☒ Add to end after pre-existing modifiers

☐ Insert before pre-existing modifiers

☐ Replace any pre-existing modifiers

**On that CPT line add the following information:**

EPSDT

EPSDT 2

Units 4

Diagnosis Code

Diagnosis Group

NDCID 00409733201

Claim Note

Converting the fake CPT aliases back to J0696 ensures that these fake CPT codes never go out on a claim. While you should only send proper AMA-compliant CPT and HCPCS codes out on claims, it is perfectly acceptable to use fake CPT aliases in your superbills as placeholders.

### Step three: test your work

To ensure that you have set things up correct, do a sample claim for a Testpatient. **Note: you may need to totally restart OP (not just log out and in) for your fake CPT additions and new OP AWARE rules to fire properly.**

Before, in the superbill, J0696C is selected to represent 1 g ceftriaxone vial:

☐ show recently converted superbills
Pat Statement   Ins Stmt

SUPERBILL (UNPOSTED) CHARGES														
Claim #	Date	CPT	Mod	CPT Description	Units	Rend	Serv	ICD10 1	ICD10 2	ICD10 3	ICD10 4	NDC ID	Couns?	Stage
554541	2/20/2023	J0696C		CEFTRIAZONE (1G	1	CLR		H66.41					<input type="checkbox"/>	Ready

And after the charge is converted to a claim, note that now 4 units (since J0696 by definition is "per 250 mg") with the appropriate NDC for a 1 g vial.

	Service Date	CPT	Mod1	Mod2	Description	DX 1	DX 2	DX 3	DX 4	Unit Charge	Units	Charge	Payer Allowable	Pat Only	Pat Resp	EPSDT	EPSDT Referral	NDC Number	Loc
	02/20/2023	J0696			CEFTRIAXONE H66.41					3.00	4	12.00	12.00	<input type="checkbox"/>				00409733201	Pla

**Please note:** properly formatted NDCs not only contain an 11 digit NDC, they also contain a unit of measure suffix (like ML1 or UN1). Unit of measure suffixes are required but are not shown in this example. You could either add them to your OP AWARE rules, or you could manually add them on the claim line if the volumes tend to vary a great deal.