

**INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2723-MC-FFS****DATE:** January 22, 2026**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals, Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Pharmacies, Home Health Agencies, Clinics, Physician Assistants**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC) and Fee-for-Service (FFS)**FROM:** Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),  
Iowa Medicaid**RE:** Spravato® (Esketamine Nasal Spray) Billing and Coding Update**EFFECTIVE:** January 1, 2026

\*\*This informational letter (IL) **replaces** IL No. 2605-MC-FFS & IL No. 2481-MC-FFS\*\*

Spravato® (Esketamine Nasal Spray) is U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved, in combination with an oral antidepressant, for treatment-resistant depression in adults and for the treatment of depressive symptoms in adults with major depressive disorder with acute suicidal ideation or behavior.

Spravato® is a medical benefit under the Iowa Medicaid program. **Effective January 1, 2026**, Iowa Medicaid and the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) require that providers use Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code **J0013** when submitting a claim for Spravato®. HCPCS code **J0013** does require a prior authorization.

Please contact FFS or the appropriate MCO for prior authorization requirements. Claims with a date of service on or before December 31, 2025, will still need to be billed with code S0013.

Spravato® must be administered under the direct supervision of a healthcare provider and requires post-administration observation under supervision. Providers should use appropriate Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes when billing for healthcare provider services required for Spravato® administration and post-administration observation.

- Exception: When billing a Medicare crossover claim, the Medicare codes G2082 or G2083 should be used.
- If a provider acquires Spravato® through a [Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies \(REMS\) certified pharmacy](#)<sup>1</sup>, the pharmacy must bill a medical claim for the drug using HCPCS code **J0013** and the provider may submit a claim with E&M codes for administration and post-administration observation (if Medicare crossover claim: G2082 or G2083).

### SUMMARY – Billing Options for Providers

Buy and Bill	Acquire through a REMS-certified pharmacy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill under the medical benefit.</li><li>• For Medicare crossover claims ONLY: Bill using Spravato® HCPCS G2082 or G2083 for administration and post-administration observation.</li><li>• For all other claims: Bill using Spravato® HCPCS (J0013) and appropriate E&amp;M codes for administration and post-administration observation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharmacy should bill under the medical benefit using Spravato® HCPCS (J0013).</li><li>• Provider does not bill for drug.</li><li>• Provider may bill appropriate E&amp;M codes for administration and post-administration observation.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.spravatorems.com/>

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If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services or the appropriate MCO:

**Iowa Medicaid Provider Services:**

- Phone: 1-800-338-7909
- Email: [imeproviderservices@hhs.iowa.gov](mailto:imeproviderservices@hhs.iowa.gov)

**Managed Care Organizations (MCOs):**

**Iowa Total Care:**

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061
- Email: [providerrelations@iowatotalcare.com](mailto:providerrelations@iowatotalcare.com)
- Website: <https://www.iowatotalcare.com>

**Molina Healthcare of Iowa:**

- Phone: 1-844-236-1464
- Email: [iaproviderrelations@molinahealthcare.com](mailto:iaproviderrelations@molinahealthcare.com)
- Website: <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/ia/medicaid/home.aspx>
- Provider Portal: <https://www.availity.com/molinahealthcare>

**Wellpoint Iowa, Inc. (formerly Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.):**

- Phone: 1-833-731-2143
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