

Documentation Checklist: Allergy Immunotherapy Injection Claims

The following is a comprehensive list of documentation requirements to support allergy immunotherapy injection claims. Do not file the claim unless the information is present in the patient's medical record.

<p>Progress Note (to support medical necessity)</p>	<p>Medical necessity is required by supporting documentation in the progress note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An assessment of the patient's current health status should be present prior to administration of the allergy immunotherapy injection. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation should also include how the patient handled previous injections (i.e. any adverse reactions) if it is not a first time injection.
<p>Plan of Care</p>	<p>Build-up Phase - Projected build-up phase schedule including the initiation and subsequent rise of applicable antigen concentrations needs to be documented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The starting dose of an allergenic extract and the progression of the dose must be individualized for each patient. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of this phase should include the initial concentration, any changes/delay of progress and the reasoning for such delays, and the target concentration. <p>Maintenance Phase - This dose is defined as the dose that provides therapeutic efficacy without significant adverse local or systemic reactions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> This dose may not be the initial target concentration but documentation should clearly show why the target concentration is not being used. <input type="checkbox"/> All references to the therapeutic effective dose should be referenced to the maintenance concentrate and should be noted as a volume-to-volume dilution. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of the extracts being used should include concentrations. <input type="checkbox"/> The maintenance dose of immunotherapy for a particular patient must be individualized.
<p>Prior Authorization Number from Insurance Company (when required):</p>	
<p>Allergy Testing Results (Interpretation and Report)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> There must be a note from the provider regarding how the test results are being used in the Plan of Care (i.e. immunotherapy to treat allergies identified)
<p>Order for Immunotherapy Antigens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The order must be based on allergy testing results and must contain these specific requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Type of antigen to be used o Dosage of antigen (including units) o Frequency and duration of injections <input type="checkbox"/> The order must be signed by the provider performing the injections.
<p>Allergen Immunotherapy Extract Info</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Allergen immunotherapy extract name and dilution, bottle color/number, expiration date of all dilutions must be documented.
<p>Administration Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Date/Time/Route/Location of injection <input type="checkbox"/> Dose of injection in milliliters <input type="checkbox"/> Patient response and any adverse reactions to injection (Patients should wait at the physician's office for at least 30 minutes after the immunotherapy injection or injections so that reactions can be recognized and treated promptly if they occur.) <input type="checkbox"/> Signature and credentials of provider administering the injections.