

# Billing for Vectibix™ (panitumumab) Using National Drug Codes (NDCs)

## Background on National Drug Codes

By federal regulation, NDCs are composed of 10-digit numbers for manufactured drug products. The NDC is classified by 3 numeric fields of information:

- A labeler code assigned by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that identifies the manufacturer or labeler of the product;
- A product code assigned by the labeler that identifies the product, its dosage form, and its dosage strength; and
- A package code assigned by the labeler that identifies the trade package size.

Originally, the FDA assigned 4-digit labeler identification codes for NDCs. As additional manufacturers applied for NDC labeler codes, the numeric labeler identification was reformatted to a 5-digit numeric value, thus modifying the NDC, for certain drugs, to an 11-digit number.

The 11-digit NDC<sup>1</sup> is now considered the universal NDC designed for billing via electronic data interchange (ie, it is recognized, understood, and easily processed by all parties). Therefore, any 10-digit package NDCs must be zero-filled (a zero must be added in the appropriate location) to create an 11-digit NDC number for billing based on a 5-4-2 NDC format (ie, 5-digit labeler code, 4-digit product code, and 2-digit package size).

## Vectibix™ NDC for Billing and Claims Processing

The NDC for Vectibix™ is frequently transmitted in electronic data interchange for payment processing systems and includes the 5-digit labeler code.

Amgen's NDC for Vectibix™ is in a 5-3-2 format (ie, 5-digit labeler code, 3-digit product code, and 2-digit package size) and must be modified to be in compliance with the 5-4-2 universal NDC format. Therefore, a lead zero must be added (zero-filled) to the Vectibix™ NDC product identification numeric fields to comply with the universal (5-4-2 format) 11-digit NDC format for billing.

<sup>1</sup> Endorsed by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Healthcare Informatics Standards Board.

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### NDC Component Parts

Labeler Identification (Amgen)	Product Identification (Vectibix™)	Package Size Identification (1 vial/carton)
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### 10-Digit Package NDC

55513	954	01 <b>100 mg in 5 mL</b>
55513	955	01 <b>200 mg in 10 mL</b>
55513	956	01 <b>400 mg in 20 mL</b>

### 11-Digit Package NDC

55513	<b>0</b> 954	01 <b>100 mg in 5 mL</b>
55513	<b>0</b> 955	01 <b>200 mg in 10 mL</b>
55513	<b>0</b> 956	01 <b>400 mg in 20 mL</b>

### Vectibix™ NDC Converted to the Universal Billing Format

The 11-digit NDCs to be used for billing Vectibix™ (with the zero-filled digit bolded) are:

NDC 55513-**0**954-01      55513-**0**955-01      55513-**0**956-01