



Nebulizer Drug Calculator (Jurisdiction B)

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Hello and welcome to another edition of Medicare MinuteSM. I'm Dr. Stacey Brennan, medical director at CGS Administrators, LLC (CGS) the Jurisdiction B DME MAC. Today I'm going to talk about another helpful tool available on the CGS website.

I know there are folks who are "mathematically challenged," when it comes to calculating nebulizer drug units of service. Converting milligrams and other measures to units of service can be frustrating and is one source of claims errors that we see at CGS in the Nebulizer policy.

The good news is that CGS takes the worry out of doing these routine calculations with the nebulizer drugs suite of calculators. We have provided you with online tools which are available under the *Medical Review* section of <https://www.cgsmedicare.com>.

Simply enter the strength of the drug ordered and the number of times per day the drug is taken and the calculator shows you the maximum number of units of service allowed per a 30 day and 90 day period. There's even a helpful milliliter to milligram converter.

These helpful tools are available for all of the nebulizer drugs in the Nebulizers Local Coverage Determination and again, can be found on the CGS website under *Medical Review*.

That does it for this edition of Medicare MinuteSM. As with all of CGS' educational offerings, this is only a summary of certain policy requirements. I encourage you to read the applicable LCD and related Policy Article for a complete description of the coverage, coding and documentation requirements.

Thank you for watching.

