

# NATIONAL AVERAGE DRUG ACQUISITION COST (NADAC) WEEK TO WEEK FILE COMPARISON DATA FIELD DEFINITIONS

## **National Drug Code (NDC) Description:**

Identifies the drug name, strength and dosage form of the drug product.

## **NDC:**

The National Drug Code (NDC) is the numerical code maintained by the FDA that includes the labeler code, product code, and package size code. The NDC is an 11-digit code.

## **Old NADAC Per Unit:**

The National Average Drug Acquisition Cost per pricing unit from the previous NADAC Reference File.

## **New NADAC Per Unit:**

The National Average Drug Acquisition Cost per pricing unit from the current NADAC Reference File.

## **Classification for Rate Setting:**

Indicates whether the NDC was considered brand ('B') or generic ('G') for the NADAC rate calculation process. If the NDC was considered brand ('B') and approved under an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA), the indicator is shown as ('B-ANDA').

## **Percent Change:**

The difference between the New NADAC Per Unit and the Old NADAC Per Unit, divided by the Old NADAC Per Unit.

## **Primary Reason:**

Describes the primary reason for the NADAC Per Unit change, see explanation below for each reason:

- **Survey Rate:** The NADAC Per Unit has been updated using information from the most recently completed pharmacy survey.
- **WAC Adjustment:** The NADAC Per Unit has been updated to reflect changes in published pricing.
- **Help Desk Adjustment:** The NADAC Per Unit has been updated as a result of an inquiry to the help desk.
- **Brand Generic Change:** The NADAC Per Unit has been updated as a result of a change in the Classification for Rate Setting.

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- Rate Group Change: The NADAC Per Unit has been updated due to placement into a new NADAC drug grouping because of a change in the NDC attributes. NDC attributes that may result in a rate group change include package size updates, brand/generic designation redeterminations and revisions to the active ingredient(s), strength, dosage form or route of administration.