

Infusion Service Line Comparison

Service Accredited	What it is	Oversight/ Affiliation	Where Care Happens	Who Bills	Who pays
AIC (Ambulatory Infusion Center)	Facility based infusion center; sometimes referred to as a clinic	Physician based; overseen by MD/APP	Clinic	Services are billed under the provider's NPI.	Medicare B and commercial insurance.
AIS (Ambulatory Infusion Suite)	Outpatient infusion suite	Pharmacy affiliated	Suite	Services are billed under the pharmacy's NPI.	Any willing payor except Medicare Part B.
IRX (Infusion Pharmacy)	Dispensing and/or compounding	Pharmacy-based	Home or alternate site	Services are billed under the pharmacy's NPI.	Depends upon payer coding: Medicare B, C, D, or commercial insurance.
IRN (Infusion Nursing)	Nursing administration of infusion therapy	Advanced practice provider (APP) oversight; Nursing staff	Home or alternate site	Services are billed under the pharmacy's NPI.	Mainly commercial payors. Some states and commercial payors require accreditation.
HIT (Home Infusion Therapy)	Administration of medication in the patient's place of residence.	Physician oversight over the facility is not required, but physician approval of the client's plan of care is.	Place of residence	HIT is billed by the accredited entity. For example, a pharmacy, a DMEPOS provider, or a home health agency. If the pharmacy is accredited for HIT, the pharmacy would bill for it.	Payments are for the nursing component only. Administration of selected infusion therapies by nursing is payable by Medicare Part B.* Medicare B requires a physician to write medication orders and plan of care. In conditions for coverage (CFCs): Medicare requires accreditation for suppliers to receive reimbursement.

*See Appendix A (page 22-23) in HIT Monitoring Report. February 2026. www.cms.gov/files/document/hit-monitoring-report-feb-2026.pdf