



Update to 180-Day Transition Policy on Enteral Nutrition Products

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Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has reviewed the published Enteral Nutrition policy and noticed there is no written guidance specific to the 180-day transition policy for these products. Please use this alert as written policy and guidance for the 180-day transition and enteral nutrition products.

Pursuant to the 180-day transition policy, enteral nutrition products with either a previously paid claim or prior authorization (PA) found in the beneficiary's historical record on file with Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. (MMA) will continue to process until July 1, 2022, without need for a new PA. For new-start PA requests for enteral nutrition products submitted on or after January 1, 2022, coverage is restricted to products on the [List of Covered Enteral Nutrition Products](#), and products requested for noncovered products will be denied. For claims previously paid as a medical benefit billed on a Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 1500 form when submitting enteral nutrition claims through Medi-Cal Rx, providers should include the active PA previously submitted with the medical benefit claim, document the most recently paid medical claim, and justify the need to continue therapy to ensure that coverage requirements are met. Plans could continue to reimburse enteral nutrition products through their medical benefit if they chose.

A new Medi-Cal Rx PA will be required on or before July 1, 2022, to allow continuation of the enteral nutrition therapy beyond the 180-day transition period. Only products on the [List of Covered Enteral Nutrition Products](#) will be reimbursable. To successfully bill an enteral nutrition product through Medi-Cal Rx on or after July 1, 2022, an approved Medi-Cal Rx PA must be on file, and only products on the [List of Covered Enteral Nutrition Products](#) will be reimbursable at that time.

Providers can submit enteral nutrition PA requests using the [Medi-Cal Rx Prior Authorization Request Form \(DHCS 6560\)](#) or 50-1, 50-2, or 61-211 forms; all forms are accepted. When

submitting a PA through the Medi-Cal Rx Secured Provider Portal, providers are advised to list the specific NDC-like billing code in the “additional information” section. When submitting the enteral nutrition PA through fax, please include the specific NDC-like billing code on the faxed form submission. For more information, see [Five Ways to Submit a Prior Authorization \(PA\)](#).

Effective today, PA review and approval for renewal requests of enteral nutrition products will be considered up to 30 days in advance, based on the date of PA approval, in order to avoid disruption in service and care to beneficiaries.

For these specific PA requests where the approved start date differs from the requested start date, and the date of service is January 1, 2022 – January 28, 2022, providers can submit retroactive PA requests to correct this misalignment.

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