



Enteral Nutrition Updates: Interchange of Equivalent Contracted Enteral Nutrition Product and Specialty Infant Authorization Term Limit

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On April 4, 2022, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal the alert titled [Enteral Nutrition Update: Temporary Interchange of Equivalent Contracted Enteral Nutrition Products Due to Recent Formula Recall](#) which allowed for the temporary substitution of contracted enteral nutrition products without the need for a new prior authorization (PA) from the prescriber and specific to certain product requirements.

This policy was a temporary allowance due to the national formula recall and was to expire after July 1, 2022. This ending date of the temporary policy has now been extended indefinitely until the national supply of infant formula stabilizes. Prior to DHCS removing this substitution without a PA policy in the future, a 90-day notice will be published, allowing substantial notification to providers and stakeholders.

The original notification alert can be found here on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal: [Enteral Nutrition Update: Temporary Interchange of Equivalent Contracted Enteral Nutrition Products Due to Recent Formula Recall](#).

Additionally, on January 13, 2022, DHCS released on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal the alert titled [Enteral Nutrition: Extension of Specialty Infant Prior Authorization Term Limitation](#) which allowed for the temporary extension of the PA term duration for authorization of specialty infant products from a maximum two-month term up to a maximum four-month term.

This was also a temporary policy due to expire July 1, 2022. DHCS has determined this will be a permanent update to the policy, allowing up to a 120-day maximum term limitation on specialty infant products to increase ease of access and consistency of coverage. The *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual* will be updated to reflect this policy change.

The original notification alert can be found on the Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal: [Enteral Nutrition: Extension of Specialty Infant Prior Authorization Term Limitation](#).