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SUBJECT
Fee Increase for Enteral Nutritional Supplements

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin is to announce increases in the MA Program Fee Schedule fees for enteral nutritional supplement procedure codes B4103 and B4161, effective with dates of service December 1, 2006.

SCOPE:

This MA Bulletin applies to all prescribers and suppliers of enteral nutritional supplements who are enrolled in the MA Program to provide services under the fee-for-service delivery system. Prescribers and suppliers of enteral nutritional supplements enrolled in the MA Program to provide services under the managed care delivery system should address questions to the appropriate physical health managed care organization.

BACKGROUND:

On December 28, 2001 the Office of Medical Assistance Programs issued MA Bulletin 99-01-13 titled "Coverage of Enteral Nutritional Supplements" notifying providers that effective January 1, 2002, the MA Program was expanding its scope of coverage to include coverage of all enteral nutritional supplements listed on the MA Program Fee Schedule, for all MA recipients eligible for medical supplies.

On December 30, 2006, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) published, in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, fee increases for enteral nutritional supplement codes B4103 and B4161 effective with dates of service December 1, 2006. The Department increased the fees to ensure that MA recipients have access to medically necessary enteral nutritional supplements.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap

As a reminder to all prescribers and suppliers of enteral nutritional supplements, the MA Program requirements at Title 55 Pa.Code, Chapter 1101 General Provisions, Section 1101.66 (a)(2) related to payment for rendered, prescribed or ordered services, sets forth all enteral nutritional supplements must be prescribed and medically necessary.

PROCEDURE:

Effective with dates of service December 1, 2006, the Department of Public Welfare is increasing the fees on the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule for two enteral pediatric formulas. The fees are being increased after the Department received input from the Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers.

The Department is increasing fees for the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System procedure codes:

Code	Description	Fee Revision	
		Previous	Current
B4103	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g., clear liquids), 500ml = 1 unit	\$0.72 per unit	\$2.92 per unit
B4161	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, hydrolyzed/amino acids and peptide chain proteins, includes fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit	\$1.24 per unit	\$1.74 per unit

Providers are reminded that enteral nutritional supplements may not be billed using the National Drug Code (NDC), but rather providers should bill the MA Program for enteral nutritional supplements using the HCPCS procedure codes and the unit(s) of service identified above.

NOTE: If you are owed additional money as a result of these retroactive fee increases, you are to file claim adjustments for these services.

In order to receive payment for the MA Program Fee Schedule fee increases for B4103 and B4161 retroactive to dates of service December 1, 2006, providers are directed to follow the applicable MA Program Provider Handbook and Billing instructions for performing a claim adjustment which are found at the following link:
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Business/BillingInfo/003675041.htm>.

Please Note: Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers must continue to follow the procedures established by the Bureau of Fee-for-Service Programs, (Division of Rate Setting) to receive payment for the services. These clinics should contact the Division of Rate Setting at (717) 772-6150 for information.