



## Important Update: Enteral Nutrition Formula

Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) values our provider partner community and appreciates all your hard work to protect the health and well-being of our members and community. We have an important update that we would like to share with you.

Starting Saturday, January 1, 2022, enteral nutrition formula became a Medi-Cal Rx pharmacy benefit for Alliance members with Medi-Cal coverage. **Effective Thursday, December 1, 2022, the Alliance will no longer cover or review authorization requests for enteral nutrition formulas for Alliance Medi-Cal members.**

### Does this change apply to all Alliance members?

No. This change **only applies to Alliance Medi-Cal members**. There is no change for Alliance Group Care members. Requests for Alliance Group Care members will continue to be submitted to California Home Medical Equipment (CHME) via fax at **1.650.931.8928**.

### Will this impact enteral nutrition supplies or total parenteral nutrition?

The Alliance will continue to authorize enteral nutrition supplies and total parental nutrition (TPN) while the formula itself will go through Medi-Cal Rx.

This change will not affect enteral nutrition supplies. Authorization requests for enteral supplies such as pumps, tubing, or general enteral nutrition products will continue to be processed directly through the Alliance.

This will not affect TPN. TPN authorization requests will continue to be processed directly through the Alliance.

### What products does Medi-Cal Rx cover?

A list of covered enteral nutrition products can be found online on the Medi-Cal Rx website under the Covered Product List heading at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/forms>.

### What are the coverage criteria and billing requirements for Medi-Cal Rx?

Providers can refer to the enteral nutrition section in the online Medi-Cal Rx provider manual at <https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/provider/forms> or direct their questions to Medi-Cal Rx Call Center toll-free at **1.800.977.2273**.

### How do I submit a prior authorization (PA) request to Medi-Cal Rx for Medi-Cal members?

Prior authorization (PA) requests can be submitted by any of the methods below:

1. **CoverMyMeds:** Providers who already have access can use the CoverMyMeds platform to submit PAs. To create a new account, please visit the CoverMyMeds website at [www.covermymeds.com](http://www.covermymeds.com). CoverMyMeds is the preferred method by Medi-Cal Rx.
2. **Medi-Cal Rx Secure Portal:** The PA system information and forms will be available on the Medi-Cal Rx site at [www.medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov).

**Providers can check on the status of requests on the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal or call the Medi-Cal Rx Call Center Line toll-free at 1.800.977.2273.**

3. **NCPDP P4:** To access the Prior Authorization Request Only (P4) Payer Sheet Template, please refer to the handout at [https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/FI\\_Medi-Cal\\_Rx\\_Payer\\_Specifications.pdf](https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/cms/medicalrx/static-assets/documents/provider/forms-and-information/FI_Medi-Cal_Rx_Payer_Specifications.pdf).
4. **Fax:** PA requests and attachments can be faxed to **1.800.869.4325**.

**What CPT codes does this change apply to?**

<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>Enteral Nutrition Formula</b>
<b>B4102</b>	Enteral formula, for adults, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g., clear liquids), 500 ml = 1 unit
<b>B4103</b>	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, used to replace fluids and electrolytes (e.g., clear liquids), 500 ml = 1 unit
<b>B4150</b>	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4152</b>	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, calorically dense (equal to or greater than 1.5 kcal/ml) with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4153</b>	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, hydrolyzed proteins (amino acids and peptide chain), includes fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4154</b>	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs, excludes inherited disease of metabolism, includes altered composition of proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and/or minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4155</b>	Enteral formula, nutritionally incomplete/modular nutrients, includes specific nutrients, carbohydrates (e.g., glucose polymers), proteins/amino acids (e.g., glutamine, arginine), fat (e.g., medium chain triglycerides) or combination, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4157</b>	Enteral formula, nutritionally complete, for special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4158</b>	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber and/or iron, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4159</b>	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete soy based with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber and/or iron, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4160</b>	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, nutritionally complete calorically dense (equal to or greater than 0.7 kcal/ml) with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit
<b>B4161</b>	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
<b>B4162</b>	Enteral formula, for pediatrics, special metabolic needs for inherited disease of metabolism, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit

If you have any questions, please call the Alliance Provider Services Department at **1.510.747.4510**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for providing high-quality care to our members and the community.

**Questions?** Please call the Alliance Provider Services Department  
Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5 pm  
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