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Alaska Medicaid Policy Clarification Enteral Supplies

POLICY:

Enteral feeding supply daily allowances are identified by HCPCS codes B4034 (Syringe fed), B4035 (Pump fed), and B4036 (Gravity fed) and **include** all supplies, except for the feeding tube and nutrients, required for the administration of enteral nutrients to the recipient for one day. When billing for enteral supplies, providers should bill these daily supply allowance codes (B4034, B4035, or B4036). Separate billing for any daily enteral supply item, including an item using a specific HCPC code, if one exists, or under miscellaneous code B9998 will be denied as unbundling.

BACKGROUND:

In a recent review of service authorization requests, Alaska Medicaid identified instances in which durable medical equipment/medical supplies providers have sought service authorization approval for reimbursement of miscellaneous enteral supplies, such as feeding bags and extension sets, when providing enteral nutrition supplies to Medicaid eligible individuals. Per 7 AAC 120.205(i), Alaska Medicaid prohibits providers from, "billing for durable medical equipment, medical supplies and related items and services under 7 AAC 120.200(a)(2) using a miscellaneous code from the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) if a specific code is available and appropriate."

HCPCS B4034, B4035, and B4036 are specific, non-miscellaneous HCPCS codes for the daily supply allowances for enteral supplies and include all supplies necessary for one day of enteral feeding administration. As defined in Local Coverage Article: Enteral Nutrition – Policy Article (A52493):

Enteral feeding supply allowances (B4034-B4036) include all supplies, other than the feeding tube and nutrients, required for the administration of enteral nutrients to the beneficiary for one day. Only one unit of service may be billed for any one day. Codes B4034-B4036 describe a daily supply fee rather than a specifically

defined 'kit'. The use of individual items may differ from recipient to recipient, and from day to day. Items included in these codes are not limited to pre-packaged 'kits' bundled by manufacturers or distributors. These supply allowances include, but are not limited to, a catheter/tube anchoring device, feeding bag/container, flushing solution bag/container, administration set tubing, extension tubing, feeding/flushing syringes, gastrostomy tube holder, dressing (any type) used for gastrostomy tube site, tape (to secure tube or dressings), Y connector, adapter, gastric pressure relief valve, declogging device, etc.. These items must not be separately billed using the miscellaneous code (B9998) or using a specific code for any individual item, should a unique HCPCS code for the item exist (for examples dressings, tapes, etc.).

New service authorization requests for enteral supplies to be used as part of the daily administration of enteral products and requested under B9998 will be denied as unbundling. Current service authorization approvals indicating daily usage supplies as units of B9998 will be ended for all dates of service on or after March 1, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Karen Benson at 907.334.2660 or Karen.benson@alaska.gov.

REFERENCES

[7 AAC 120.200](#) through [7 AAC 120.399](#)

[7 AAC 145.420](#)

[Local Coverage Determination: Enteral Nutrition \(L33783\)](#)

[Local Coverage Article: Enteral Nutrition – Policy Article \(A52493\)](#)