



## Overview for Home Infusion Therapy Providers

New Regulations Effective June 2, 2019

On May 3, 2019, Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer signed regulations affecting Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supply providers and Prosthetic and Orthotic (P&O) providers. These regulations, effective June 2, 2019, are the culmination of multi-year efforts by the Department of Health and Social Services.

The full text of the regulations and associated fee schedules are available at [Alaska Online Public Notices](https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=194126) (<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=194126>). This document is intended to serve as a supplement to, and not a replacement for the regulations.

As a Home Infusion Therapy provider, you are required to maintain enrollment as a DME provider in addition to your enrollment as a Home Infusion Therapy. Regulations are now separated, with DME/Supply remaining at 7 AAC 120.200 and P&O regulations beginning at 7 AAC 120.300. Home Infusion Therapy providers are required to ensure all applicable regulations are followed.

Other changes include, but are not limited to:

- Clarifying enrollment requirements. 7 AAC 120.200(a)
- Requiring providers to review continued medical necessity of equipment or supplies annually, and, if repairing an item, to request payment only if the product or service is still medically necessary. 7 AAC 120.200(l)
- Adding anti-marketing clause preventing suppliers from contacting Medicaid members and promoting their products. 7 AAC 120.200(p)
- Clarifying requirements needed for a valid prescription order and certificate of medical necessity. 7 AAC 120.200(t) – (x)
- Conformance with Medicare medical necessity determination requirements. 7 AAC 120.205(h)
- Requiring providers to bill under appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Codes (HCPC) when available. 7 AAC 120.205(i)
- Providing requirements for requesting payment for shipping home infusion pharmaceutical product when shipping by means of the most cost-effective method exceeds 40 percent of the sum of the per diem rate for the number of days represented in the shipment. 7 AAC 120.200(i)

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