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OVERVIEW:

The Louisiana Department of Health has released [Informational Bulletin 22-31 Enteral Formula Reimbursement Changes and Publication of New Fee Schedules](#) to simplify provider billing for Enteral Formula provided through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) program. These changes will affect claims with dates of service beginning January 1, 2023.

Summary of changes:

- Effective January 1, 2023, all prior authorizations (PA) must be submitted without an NDC entered into the PA01 or ePA system. Units requested must be calculated based on 100 kcals and not cans, pouches, packets, etc.
- Reimbursement based on the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) to align with other state Medicaid programs, Medicare and commercial payers;
- Publication of a new Enteral Formula fee schedule with updated rates for each HCPCS;
- Removal of the requirement to include the National Drug Code (NDC) for enteral formula reimbursement with the exception of metabolic formulas, which are only available to the Office of Public Health; and
- Publication of a new Metabolic Enteral Formula fee schedule. The NDC will remain a requirement and the rates will remain unchanged for these formulas.
- Allowance of providers to bill one HCPCS code for multiple flavors and brands that fall under that same HCPCS code set

The goal of these changes is to reduce the need for new prior authorization (PA) requests and/or requests for reconsideration when there is a change in the formula prescribed.

For Fee-for-Service beneficiaries, providers may utilize the same PA-01 form when requesting a PA. Because the NDC will no longer be required, the PA request will be processed with or without it.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.