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To: DME Providers
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Subject: Enteral Nutrition: Fee Schedule, Coverage Table and Product Classification List Updates

Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2009, the Department of Social and Health services (DSHS) updated and clarified several sections of the *Enteral Nutrition Program Billing Instructions*.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will:

- Update the coverage table in the current *Enteral Nutrition Program Billing Instructions*;
- Update the Enteral Nutrition fee schedule to include the year 2010 Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code additions and deletions as discussed in this memorandum; and
- Update the current *Enteral Nutrition Billing Instructions* Product Classification List.

This memo also reminds providers of:

- Previous client eligibility changes effective November 1, 2009;
- Requirements for General Assistance –Unemployable clients effective November 1, 2009; and
- The requirement to complete ProviderOne registration.

Overview

All previously published policies remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

Billing Instructions Update

Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2009, DSHS updated the following in the current *Enteral Nutrition Billing Instructions*. You may view/download the **updated billing instructions** on the DSHS/HRSA web site at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the **Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum** link).

Section Changed	Change Description
Section B “Client Eligibility”	Update “Who is eligible for Enteral Nutrition?” Section pages B.1 and B.2.
Section C “Provider Requirements”	Administrative updates throughout section.
Section D “Coverage”	Changes that correspond to WAC revisions throughout the section and replacement of code E1340 with K0739 in coverage table.
Section H “Reimbursement”	Administrative changes to correspond with new WAC. Pages H.1 and H.2.

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Section Changed	Change Description
Section E “Prior Authorization”	Update portion regarding documenting client’s condition meeting PA. Update EPA Criteria Coding List, Page E.6, removing procedure code B9998.
Section G “Product List”	Updates to “product list table” inserting Simply Thick food thickener.

Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, DSHS will update the Enteral Nutrition Fee Schedule. To view the updated *Enteral Nutrition Fee Schedule*, effective January 1, 2010, visit DSHS/HRSA online at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/#E>.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, do not use CPT® and HCPCS codes or modifiers that are deleted in the “Year 2010 CPT” book and the “Year 2010 HCPCS” book.

Bill DSHS your usual and customary charge.

Product List Changes

DSHS will add the revision to the following procedure code:

Category (HCPCS code)	Modifier	Description	One Unit Equals	Policy/Comments
B4100		Food thickener administered orally per ounce.	One oz	Thickeners when EPA criteria for EPA # 870001104 is met. Includes Resource ThickenUp, Simply Thick Honey and Nectar , Thick & Easy, and Thick-It.

Update to Client Eligibility Programs

Retroactive to dates of service on and after November 1, 2009, DSHS:

- Revised coverage for adult noncitizens under the following three medical programs (WAC 388-438-0115, -0125, and -0120):
 - ✓ Federally funded Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) program;
 - ✓ State-funded Nursing Facility program; and
 - ✓ State-funded Alien Medical program.

Eligibility criteria for coverage and the services available are different for each medical program listed above. For more information, visit:

<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/News/aem.htm>.

- Requires General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U) clients in Washington State to enroll in managed care for purposes of medical benefits. DSHS published this new mandatory enrollment requirement in Numbered Memorandum 09-63. To view numbered memo 09-63, visit DSHS online at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Memos/2009Memos/09-63.pdf>. For more information, contact the Community Health Plan of Washington at customercare@chpw.org or call 1-800-440-1561.

ProviderOne Registration

To continue to receive payment, providers must complete ProviderOne registration to prepare for ProviderOne implementation. Specific instructions and resources are available at

<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/providerone/providers.htm>.

How Do I Conduct Business Electronically With DSHS?

You may conduct business electronically with DSHS by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How Can I Get DSHS/HRSA Provider Documents?

To download and print DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).