

Medicaid Reimbursement for Enteral Nutrition

Policy

USDA Federal Regulations: (vi) Coordination with medical payors and other programs that provide or reimburse for formulas. WIC State agencies must coordinate with other Federal, State or local government agencies or with private agencies that operate programs that also provide or could reimburse for exempt infant formulas and WIC-eligible nutritional benefits to mutual participants. At a minimum, a WIC State agency must coordinate with the State Medicaid Program for the provision of exempt infant formulas and WIC-eligible nutritional that are authorized or could be authorized under the State Medicaid Program for reimbursement and that are prescribed for WIC participants who are also Medicaid recipients. The WIC State agency is responsible for providing up to the maximum amount of exempt infant formulas and WIC-eligible nutritional under Food Package III in situations where reimbursement is not provided by another entity.

Authority

7 CFR Part 246.10(e)(3)(vi)

Procedures

The Medicaid Program may pay for nutrition products prescribed for Medicaid clients only if:

- The client applied for WIC but is not eligible, **or**
- The client is eligible for WIC, but requires more formula than WIC can provide.

Documentation from WIC is required in both cases.

IF the Medicaid client is...	The required documentation is...
not eligible for WIC	Notice of Ineligibility form (for most clients) or Notice of Termination (for WIC participants who became categorically ineligible, became income ineligible mid-certification, violated program rules, or were placed on a waiting list). See the Certification, Eligibility, and Coordination of Services forms folder for an example of the above documents.
eligible for WIC <u>and</u> needs more formula than WIC can provide	Documentation of Nutrition Products from WIC form. See the Nutrition Services forms folder for an example of this document.

When the applicant is not eligible for WIC, follow these steps to provide the documentation required by Medicaid.

- Complete the WIC eligibility process and record data in the WIC data system.
- Print the Notice of Ineligibility or Notice of Termination located under Printouts.
- Document issuance of the Notice in the comments screen or scan the printed notice into the participant record.
- Provide the Notice to the applicant for use as documentation when requested by the pharmacy providing the formula.

When the applicant is eligible for WIC but requires more formula than WIC can provide, follow these steps to provide the documentation required by Medicaid.

- Complete a Documentation of Nutrition Products from WIC form
- Scan the Documentation of Nutrition Products from WIC form into the participant record. This form allows the WIC agency to share only the information on the form with a pharmacist or physician if contacted.
- Instruct the participant to check with the health care provider who wrote the prescription to see if the formula is likely to be covered by Medicaid.
- Give the completed form to the participant with the instruction that it provides important documentation that the pharmacist must submit along with certification of medical necessity to be paid by Medicaid for formula above that provided by WIC checks.

For all products, the physician must provide documentation of medical necessity and written authorization of the product before the pharmacy can submit for payment. The participant would need to work with the pharmacy and their healthcare provider to submit these documents along with the required documentation from WIC. Even then, WIC cannot guarantee Medicaid will cover it.

Best Practices

The Medicaid and WIC Programs in Iowa work together to determine the appropriate payment source for nutrition products prescribed for the population groups potentially eligible for WIC services.

If the applicant is someone who is or just became categorically ineligible (a child older than 5 years old), send a letter signed by the WIC Coordinator that cites the program regulations and target audience.