



New York State Medicaid Program - Enteral Nutrition Regulatory Amendment and Prior Authorization Changes

Effective February 11, 2026, the regulatory amendment Section 505.5 of Title 18 NYCRR for enteral nutrition defined benefit changes will be implemented for Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid members. The changes will take effect with new prior authorizations and prior approval requests for enteral formula therapy initiated on or after this date.

The regulation is available at [Recently Adopted Regulations | New York Codes, Rules and Regulations](#)

In addition to the regulatory changes noted above, NYS Medicaid has made updates related to the prior authorization of enteral nutrition formula.

Enteral Nutrition Changes

Benefit Calorie Limits

Calorie limits approved through the Enteral Web Portal and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) prior authorization systems will be increased from 1,000 calories per day to 1,250 calories per day for oral-fed members. Calorie limits for tube-fed members will increase from 2,000 calories per day to 2,500 calories per day.

Feeding Route	Previous Limit (kcal/day)	New Limit (kcal/day)	Previous Max Units (cu/month)	New Max Units (cu/month)
Oral-Fed	1,000	1,250	300	375
Tube-fed	2,000	2,500	600	750

Note: Max units for HCPCS codes B4149-B4162 on the DME fee schedule are in caloric units and represent the maximum amount allowed per month.

Oral-Fed Supplemental Nutrition

Updated defined benefits for enteral nutritional formula include coverage for members previously approved for oral-fed supplementation who demonstrate the continued ability to maintain a body mass index (BMI) of 18.5 to 24.9 while receiving oral-fed supplemental nutrition. Requests for coverage under this criterion will be reviewed through prior approval (ePACES or paper).

Prior Authorization Refill Updates

Adult members with a BMI under 18.5 are now allowed five refills per authorization approved through the Enteral Web Portal and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) prior authorization systems.

Activated Prior Authorization (PA) Cancellation

Prescribing or dispensing providers can now request the cancellation of activated PAs by submitting a cancellation request form. Once the PA is cancelled, prescribing providers can obtain a new automated PA through the Enteral Web Portal or the IVR. Prior Authorizations that have been rendered or billed cannot be cancelled and will require a prior approval request (ePACES or paper).

The cancellation form and instructions are available at: [Enteral Formula Prior Authorization Cancellation Request Form](#)

Enteral Nutrition Resources

Resources for enteral nutrition prior authorizations have been updated to reflect the changes noted above and can be found on the [DME Manual homepage](#).

Questions related to this update should be directed to the Bureau of Medical Review at 1-800-342-3005 or OHIPMEDPA@health.ny.gov