



Weekly Provider News

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Medi-Cal Benefit: Oral Nutrition Supplements for Adult and Pediatric Members

The Alliance covers oral nutrition supplements when medically necessary for Medi-Cal eligible adult and pediatric members. Conditions include but are not limited to:

- Increased metabolic needs
- Cancer with significant weight loss
- Decubitus ulcers
- ESRD on HD or PD
- Severe swallowing or chewing difficulty
- Conditions impairing digestion and absorption
- Underweight status or unintended weight loss defined by the Medi-Cal guidelines.

Prior authorization is required.

For authorization, please fax the following information to the Alliance Pharmacy Department at (831)430-5851:

- Copy of prescribing provider's prescription
- Completed Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) form
- Chart notes that address medical justification as to why the member is unable to meet his/her nutritional needs with standard or fortified foods.

The Alliance will not authorize oral nutrition supplements when used for convenience or preference of members or providers. All requests will be reviewed for medical necessity by the Alliance's Registered Dietitians.

For additional information regarding authorization criteria please contact Alliance Registered Dietitians Tony Nannini, RD at (831) 430-4117 or Christine Lally, RD at (831) 430-2519.

Questions?

Contact your Alliance Provider Services Representative or call Provider Services at (800) 700-3874 ext. 5504