Enteral Tubing Reimbursement Policy Notification

We’re making a change on Dec. 1, 2018, to align our reimbursement policy with Iowa Medicaid Enterprise’s (IME) clinical policy for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code B9998 Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) for enteral supplies. We previously followed the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services reimbursement policy for these supplies.

Please use this bulletin as a resource in billing for enteral supplies under the updated reimbursement policy.

Policy Overview
For dates of service on or after Dec. 1, we’ll approve and pay claims for HCPCS code B9998 when it’s correctly billed with HCPCS codes B4034, B4035 and B4036. Per IME policy, B9998 can be used for the following supplies:
- 12-inch extension set (one unit equals one case of five per month)
- 24-inch extension set (one unit equals one case of five per month)
- Bard decompression tube (two per month)

HCPCS code B9998 will continue to require prior authorization.

How This Affects You
- When billing for HCPCS code B9998, please use the CMS-1550 form and include an invoice and a description of the tubing supplies with your completed claim form.
- To submit a prior authorization request for HCPCS code B9998, use the Prior Authorization and Notification tool on Link. To access the tool, sign in to Link by going to UHCprovider.com and clicking on the Link button in the top right corner.

Additional Resources
Here’s where you can learn more about the Enteral Policy for HCPCS code B9998:
- UHCprovider.com/IAProvider > Bulletins and Newsletters > Durable Medical Equipment Claim Submission Tips
- UHCprovider.com/IAProvider > Policies and Clinical Guidelines > View Current Reimbursement Policies > Unlisted Services Policy
- IME’s enteral tubing policies in the IME Medical Equipment and Supply Dealer Provider Manual at dhs.iowa.gov

We’re Here to Help
If you have questions, please call Provider Services at 888-650-3462 or contact your Provider Advocate. Thank you.