

Total Parenteral Nutrition Benefits to Change for the CSHCN Services Program

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Effective for dates of services on or after June 1, 2011, total parenteral nutrition (TPN) benefits will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Procedure code B4185 (lipids solution) will be considered for separate reimbursement when billed on the same date of service as any other TPN procedure code (S9364, S9365, S9366, S9367, or S9368).

Procedure codes B4185, S9364, S9365, S9366, S9367, and S9368 will be a benefit only in the home setting when they are provided by a home health durable medical equipment (DME) provider, medical supplier (DME), or a medical supply company.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization will be required for all TPN services, including the lipids solution.

Providers may refer to Section 25.5.2 "Benefits, Limitations, and Authorization Requirements," on page 25-14 in the *2010 CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual* for a list of diagnosis codes that may be considered for prior authorization. Prior authorization requests for clients with diagnoses other than those listed will be forwarded to the CSHCN Services Program Assistant Medical Director or designee for consideration.

Providers must complete the CSHCN Services Program Authorization and Prior Authorization Request form for TPN prior authorization requests. The prior authorization request must include all of the following:

- Diagnosis
- Start date of TPN
- Estimated time TPN is needed
- Documentation to support medical necessity of TPN
 - If lipids are medically necessary, the prior authorization request must also include documentation supporting the need for procedure code B4185.

A client whose eligibility expires will no longer receive benefits for prior authorized services. If the client renews eligibility, the provider must submit a new prior authorization request in order to receive reimbursement for the services.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.