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**Amino Acid-Based Elemental Formula Coverage Update**

Effective January 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) added amino acid-based elemental formula coverage criteria for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Amino acid-based elemental formula is a covered Medicaid benefit regardless of the delivery method used. Prior authorization is required and must include documentation of the following:

1. A diagnosis provided by a board-certified allergist or gastroenterologist.
2. A written order from the treating physician indicating that the amino acid-based elemental formula is medically necessary for the treatment of the child due to any of the following conditions:
  - Immunoglobulin E and non-immunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins;
  - Severe food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome;
  - Eosinophilic disorders confirmed by the results of a biopsy; or
  - Impaired nutrient absorption caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length, or motility of the gastrointestinal tract.

The Durable Medical Equipment (DME) provider manual has been revised to incorporate coverage details for amino acid-based elemental formulas within section 18.2.11, Enteral Nutrition.

For questions regarding this communication, please contact LDH at (225) 342-5691. For questions regarding fee-for-service claims, please contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.

Questions regarding managed care claims should be directed to the appropriate managed care organization.