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The Honorable Guy Guzzone
 Chair
 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
 3 West Miller Senate Office Bldg.
 Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Maggie McIntosh
 Chair
 House Appropriations Committee
 121 House Office Bldg.
 Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: 2020 Joint Chairmen’s Report (p. 117) – Report on Reimbursement Methodology for Enteral Nutrition

Dear Chairs Guzzone and McIntosh:

In accordance with the 2020 Joint Chairmen's Report (page 117), the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) presents this update regarding the development of a reimbursement methodology to cover the costs associated with enteral nutrition services.

MDH met with stakeholders regarding prospective changes to the reimbursement methodology for enteral nutrition services during the summer of 2020. Based on these discussions and stakeholder feedback, MDH updated its reimbursement methodology to cover these services and is in the process of promulgating regulations at COMAR 10.09.03.04-.06 and 10.09.12.04 and .07. The effective date of the regulations will be June, 14, 2021. The regulatory changes will update reimbursement for these codes and shift coverage of enteral nutritional products from the Medicaid Pharmacy Program to the Durable Medical Supplies/Durable Medical Equipment (DMS/DME) Program, pursuant to 42 CFR § 440.70 - Home Health Services. The new reimbursement methodology sets rates for codes at 150% of the Medicare rate as of CY2020, Q2. Codes not covered by Medicare are priced using an average of eight states’ rates. Relevant codes and reimbursement rates are included below.

Table 1: Enteral nutritional products given by nasogastric, jejunostomy, or gastrostomy tube in the home at the following rates per unit

HCPCS	HCPCS unit	Per unit rate
B4149	100 cal	\$1.77
B4150	100 cal	\$0.69
B4152	100 cal	\$0.57
B4153	100 cal	\$2.03
B4154	100 cal	\$1.20
B4155	100 cal	\$1.19

Table 2: Enteral and parenteral therapy supplies at the following rates per unit:

HCPCS	HCPCS unit	Per unit rate
B4034	1 item	\$5.19
B4035	1 item	\$9.90
B4036	1 item	\$6.80
B4081	1 item	\$18.37
B4082	1 item	\$13.66
B4083	1 item	\$2.10
B4087	1 item	\$30.32
B4088	1 item	\$107.11
B4220	1 item	\$7.65
B4222	1 item	\$9.44
B4224	1 item	\$22.69
B9002	1 item	\$1,041.91
B9004	1 item	\$2,411.31
B9006	1 item	\$2,411.31

Table 3: Enteral and parenteral therapy supplies at the following rates per unit:

HCPCS	HCPCS unit	Per unit rate
B9998	1 item	\$249.90
B9999	1 item	\$249.90

If you have questions or need more information, please contact please contact the Director of Governmental Affairs, Heather Shek, at heather.shek@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Dennis R. Schrader
Secretary

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