Email Exchange WIC/Medicaid Payor of Special Formula

Madhu Vulimiri, Deputy Director, Division of Child and Family Well-Being spearheaded the annual discussion regarding primary payor for special formulas.

Persons contacted:

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    - Melanie Bush, Deputy Medicaid Director
    - John Vitiello, Program Manager, DME/POS
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Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 10:27:46 AM
Attachments: TPL Billing Guide_2022-0615.pdf
CMS COB-TPL 2020 Manual.pdf

Hi Mary Anne – please see attached documents from John Vitiello and Pratrice Partee. Please feel free to reach out directly to John/Pratrice/Melissa from DHB.

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Good Morning Madhu,

Attached is the CMS/COB-TPL manual.

Please refer to pages 20-21.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,

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Hello Madhu,

After we spoke, I checked our third party liability billing manual to confirm my thinking and found in the appendix on page 18 that the WIC program appears to be an exception to Medicaid being the payer of last resort. I've added Pratrice Partee who is our TPL expert to confirm or correct.

Webpage for TPL billing manual: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/forms/third-party-insurance-forms

Thank you,
John

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Thanks John – please let us know if you are supportive of NC WIC continuing this approach with special formulas as we have done historically. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Hi Madhu,

John Vitiello with DME is going to contact you as his team has CCP 5A-3 that covers enteral formulas.

Thanks!

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Hi Melissa,

I hope you are well! I'm the deputy director of the Division of Child and Family Well-Being and I oversee the WIC program. Melanie Bush suggested I contact you regarding the following inquiry.

We are currently finalizing our FFY25 WIC State Plan to submit to the United States Department of Agriculture. As part of our WIC state plan submission, we need to include documentation of an annual discussion with Medicaid on who is the primary payor for special formulas for individuals who receive both WIC and Medicaid benefits in NC. Historically, WIC has been the primary payor for special formulas, as the program is 100% federal funds, and it is a way to fully utilize the funds. We propose to continue this approach.

Can you please confirm that NC Medicaid is supportive of continuing this approach by COB July 17? Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Madhu

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