

## Pasteurized Donor Human Breast Milk (PDHM)

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### Guideline

Members are eligible for coverage of Pasteurized Donor Human Breast Milk (PDHM) in the inpatient setting.

PDHM is covered for infants who:

- Have a documented birth weight of < 1500 grams (3.3 pounds); **or**
- Have a congenital or acquired condition that places high risk of developing necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) and/or infection

Coverage of PDHM is for infants who meet the criteria outlined above **and** one or more of the following conditions:

- Are medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breast feeding; **or**
- Are unable to participate in breast feeding despite optimal lactation support; **or**
- Are born to mothers whose breast milk isn't suitable for consumption due to the presence of certain substances or disease; **or**
- In cases where the mother is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk at all or insufficient quantities

### Limitations/Exclusions

- NYS tissue banking regulations require that PDHM be distributed only by tissue banks licensed by the NYS Department of Health and only with a written medical order. Of note, in order to provide medically fragile infants PDHM, a hospital must first have a tissue bank license from the NYS Department of Health that includes human milk. Information on how to obtain such license is available at: <https://www.wadsworth.org/regulatory/tissue-resources>.
- Hospitals licensed to provide PDHM are required to bill using HCPCS code T2101
- Preauthorization is required

## **Hospital Billing**

The PDHM Medicaid benefit will be captured as part of the Inpatient Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) payments using revenue code 220 with HCPCS T2101.

## **Revision History**

4/12/2018 — removed Medicaid-only restriction

## **References**

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