# **Compass - Medical Foods**

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**Description:**  Information and procedures related to handling Medical Foods.  

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| Details |

 Does **not** apply to MED D.

Medical Foods are specially formulated. They are intended for the dietary management of a disease with distinctive nutritional needs that cannot be met by a normal diet alone.

* The Medical Food [Benefit](#_Service_Benefit_Information) has been in effect since January 1, 2018.
* Requires [Physician’s Prescription](#_Prescription_Requirements) for each Medical Food.
* Requires [Prior Approval](#_Prior_Approval).
* Refer to the [FEP Shared - Medical Foods List (009161)](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=7dd44b55-e4ce-41e0-8fa7-838ddcb5e810) as needed (This list is **internal information** and cannot be sent to members).

The list of medication names is intended to provide assistance; however, the names may vary; the **NDC** specifically identifies the covered item.

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| Service Benefit Information |

Benefits are available for Medical Foods when administered under the supervision of a physician for any of the following:

* For children through age 21 which are administered orally and provide the sole source (100%) of nutrition. This benefit is limited to one year following the date of the initial prescription or physician order for the medical food (**Example:** Neocate, in formula form only) **OR**
* For children through age 21 which are specialized nutritional formulas intended for use solely under medical supervision in the dietary management of an inborn errors of amino acid metabolism **OR**
* For any age member when medically necessary to be administered by a catheter or nasogastric tube.

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| Prior Approval |

Prior Approval is required for coverage on Medical Foods. CVS Caremark handles the PA for Medical Foods.  For Medical Foods criteria, refer to [FEP Shared - Medical Foods List (009161)](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=7dd44b55-e4ce-41e0-8fa7-838ddcb5e810).

**Note:** If approved, these claims process as Tier 2.

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| Prescription Requirements |

To receive benefits for Medical Foods, the member must have a physician’s prescription for each Medical Food obtained at a Preferred Retail Pharmacy (including Over the Counter products).

* Pharmacies require a prescription in order to electronically transmit the claim to us.
* Educating the member to obtain a prescription for Medical Foods is important.
  + This ensures the members receive full benefits.
  + It may be possible to obtain a prescription over the phone for these items. This would save the member the time and effort involved in a prescriber's visit.
* If the member is submitting a Paper Claim for Medical Foods, a pharmacy receipt is required, refer to [Compass - Identifying Paper Claims (050034)](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/" \l "!/view?docid=c281dde6-a86e-451a-8828-9f2b98c17bb9).

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| Coram and Medical Foods Coverage |

 Does **not** apply to MED D.

Coram places outbound calls to the member:

* Verify the first order information and advise the package and branding looks different from CVS Caremark Mail Order packages.

**Example:** Coram advises members that the Medical Foods come from McKesson and the print packet is mailed from Caremark with a label and refill order form.

* Refill changes.

**Example:** Member wants a different flavor, address change.

* Shipping delays.

**Example:** When a corrected NDC is needed from Caremark, or a product is on backorder.

Refer to the following:

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| **Benefit Plans** | **Coverage Details** |
| **All**  **Note: Does not** apply to FEP. | A prescription is required for Medical Foods. These orders are processed through the front end of CVS Caremark Mail Order Pharmacy as normal prescriptions are under the Mail Order benefit.    **Warm Transfer the following Standard Option Medical Food Call Types to Coram:**   * Customer Care is unable to determine the Order Status from the notes listed. * Received partial fill and needs remaining part of the fill sent. * Reship needed. * Lost in Transit. * Return Order Pick up.     Coram’s phone number **(Internal: Do not provide to caller):**  Call**1-888-334-7978**and select the appropriate prompt.     * **Hours of Operation:**   + **Monday - Friday:** 8 am - 12 am (Midnight) CT.   + **Saturday:** 8 am – 5 pm CT.   + **Sunday:** Closed   + **After hours:** Members must call Customer Care back during Coram’s business hours to be warm transferred.     CVS Caremark handles Prior Approval. |

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| Process |

 Does **not** apply to MED D.

Perform the following steps for calls related to Medical Food:

**Notes:**

* There are noMessaging Platform (MP) alerts for Medical Food Mail Orders.
* Coram places the Quantity and Day Supply in the Alerts/Notes of what was shipped and places outbound calls to the member.
* Verify the first order information and advise the package and branding looks different from CVS Caremark Mail Order packages!

**Example:** Coram advises members that the Medical Foods come from McKesson and the print packet is mailed from Caremark with a label and refill order form.

* Refill changes.

**Example:** Member wants a different flavor, address change.

* Shipping delays.

**Example:** When a corrected NDC is needed from Caremark, or a product is on backorder.

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| **Step** | **Action** | | |
| **1** | Determine the **Medical Foods Call Type**.   * Medical Foods Order Status, proceed to **Step 2**. * Medical Foods Price Estimates refer to [Price Estimates](#_Price_Estimates). * Medical Foods coverage inquiries refer to appropriate section:   + Price Estimates   + [Details](#_Details)   **Note:** For general Medical Foods questions, Prior Approval inquiries, Prescription Requirements, Coram and Benefit Details (handling Refills, Partial fills, Reships, or Lost in Transit) refer to [Details](#_Details). | | |
| **2** | Navigate to the Claims Landing Page, then click the **Mail Order History** tab.    **Result:** Mail Orders within the default 90-day window display. | | |
| **3** | Locate the order with the prescription(s) the caller is inquiring about; you can click the chevron arrow next to the **Order Number** link to expand/collapse a preview of the prescriptions in the order.   * Verify shipping address.      * Verify theTracking Number displays.   **Do not** provide the caller with this information, any tracking details must be provided from the Order Level Alerts/Notes. Refer to [Step 4](#step4). | | |
| **If** **the tracking number is...** | **Then...** | |
| Available | Proceed to Step 4. | |
| Unavailable | Click the **Rx #** hyperlink and advise as to the order status with standard processing time; refer to [Compass - Mail Order History / Order Status (056369)](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/" \l "!/view?docid=0ad0ab77-cb2e-4521-8f97-659304a0c8f8). | |
| **4** | Click the **Order Number** hyperlink.    **Result:** The Order Details screen displays. | | |
| **5** | Click the Order **Alerts/Notes** tab to verify that the tracking numbers have been noted.    **Notes:**   * This tracking number can be provided if requested. * Messaging Platform (MP) alerts do not exist for these orders. * Coram places the Quantity and Day Supply in the Alerts/Notes of what was shipped. | | |
| **If the...** | | **Then...** |
| Tracking numbers are listed | | Advise the order has been shipped. The tracking number may be provided upon request. |
| Tracking numbers are not listed | | Access the prescription number to determine order status and provide standard processing time. |
| Order needs to be updated | | Proceed to Step 6. |
| **6** | Determine the status of the prescription by clicking the **Rx #** hyperlink.  **Result:**The status displays.      **Notes:**   * Tracking information does not become available to Coram until the next business day after the order is shipped. * Orders are shipped via UPS.   **Exception:** Orders for California members are shipped via Golden State Overnight (GSO). | | |
| **If the prescription status reflects…** | **Then…** | |
| **Label Print**      Compass reflects USPS tracking information; however, the Order Level Alerts/Notes has both tracking numbers for reference. | 1. Any update requested **must** be communicated to Coram. Send an email with the below template to the following Coram contacts **and** proceed with Work Instruction processes:  * [Monique.Buchanan@coramhc.com](mailto:Monique.Buchanan@coramhc.com) * [Stephanie.Holman@CoramHC.com](mailto:Stephanie.Holman@CoramHC.com)     Use the following template:   * Member’s Name: * Member’s ID#: * Order Number: * Requested Updates: * Stop order was requested (Advised no guarantee) * Update address      1. Add the Sensitivity Stamp Label to the email on Outlook.       These orders cannot have upgraded shipping. | |
| **Awaiting Accepted, Translated OK,**or**Adjudication Accepted** | Proceed with the requested updates. | |
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| Price Estimates |

CVS Caremark handles Prior Approval.

Perform the following steps:

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| **Step** | **Process** | |
| **1** | Access the [FEP Shared - Medical Foods List (009161)](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=7dd44b55-e4ce-41e0-8fa7-838ddcb5e810).  **Result:** Medical Foods Excel Sheet downloads. Use **CTRL + F** and type the name of the Medical Food.    The Medical Food List’s medication names may vary and may not be all inclusive; the NDC specifically identifies the covered item. If the medication is NOT on the list, proceed to **Step 2**. | |
| **2** | Use the Medical Food NDC to run a Price Estimate, refer to [Compass - Test Claims (050041)](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/" \l "!/view?docid=60c20ea0-1d07-46e3-809a-b54734b80fbe" \t "_blank).    **Note:**If unable to locate the medication through the NDC, take the first five numbers from the NDC and input it into the GCN field or type the drug name into the Drug Name field of your Price Estimate.    **Possible outcomes:** | |
| **If...** | **Then...** |
| Accepted | Refer to [Details](#_Details). |
| Denied | Click the **Details** hyperlink:   * Quantity Restrictions and/or Prior Approval needed, follow appropriate Prior Approval Process for the Client. Refer to the CIF. * Over the Counter/Prescription:Advise the member they can submit a Prior Approval for coverage. * Refill Too Soon, advise of the next available fill date. |

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| Scenarios |

Refer to the following scenario:

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| **Scenario** | **Action** |
| **Member does NOT have a prescription for the Medical Foods.** | To receive benefits for Medical Foods, the member **must**have a physician’s prescription for each Medical Food obtained at a Preferred Retail Pharmacy.     * Pharmacies require a prescription in order to electronically transmit the claim to us. * Educating the member to obtain a prescription for Medical Foods is important.   + This ensures the members receive full benefits.   + It may be possible to obtain a prescription over the phone for these items. This would save the member the time and effort involved in a prescriber's visit. |
| **Member wishes to submit a Paper Claim for the Medical Foods** | Inform the Member a pharmacy receipt is required and reference [Compass - Identifying Paper Claims (050034).](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=c281dde6-a86e-451a-8828-9f2b98c17bb9)  **Note:**If the member questions the reimbursement for a Paper Claim create a Support Task for possible adjustment. |

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| Related Documents |

[Customer Care Abbreviations, Definitions, and Terms](https://thesource.cvshealth.com/nuxeo/thesource/#!/view?docid=c1f1028b-e42c-4b4f-a4cf-cc0b42c91606) Index (017428)

**Parent Document:** [CALL 0049 Customer Care Internal and External Call Handling](https://policy.corp.cvscaremark.com/pnp/faces/DocRenderer?documentId=CALL-0049)

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