# Home Infusion Therapy

Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) Services involves the administration of medication through a needle or catheter. It is prescribed when a beneficiary's condition cannot be treated effectively with oral medication or when adequate nutrition cannot be achieved by oral intake. Typically "infusion therapy" is administered intravenously; however other routes such as epidural or intestinal catheters may also be used.

## Coverage and Payment Policy

HIT services are covered if it is beneficial for the beneficiary in lieu of hospitalization. The beneficiary's condition must be stable and not require medical supervision. If intervention is required at any time during the course of therapy, the beneficiary and/or family must fully understand what is required and be willing to cooperate.

The prescribing provider must indicate on the Certificate of Medical Necessity, the diagnosis, the duration of therapy, medication prescribed and the method of infusion.

Approved by: _____ Associate Medical Director

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