

Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)

Total Parenteral Nutrition is a method for providing fluid, nutritional and needed metabolic products for those patients unable to maintain needed oral intake due to surgical, malignant or malabsorption diseases which cannot be treated by alternative therapies such as modified diets, nasogastric feeding tubes, and gastric or jejunal feeding tubes.

Coverage and Payment Policy

Prior authorization is required.

Parenteral nutrition will be covered when the following conditions are met:

- a. The gastrointestinal tract is nonfunctional or cannot be accessed and the patient cannot be adequately nourished by oral diets or enteral nutrition. AND
- b. The beneficiary has a diagnosis of a disorder or disease process which impairs absorption of sufficient nutrients to preserve weight. AND
- c. There is documentation of failed enteral nutrition. AND
- d. The Beneficiary has a caregiver who has been trained to provide the feedings or the beneficiary is able to independently administer the feedings.

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