

### **310-AA TOTAL PARENTERAL NUTRITION (TPN)**

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 2017

Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) is the provision of total caloric needs by intravenous route for individuals with severe pathology of the alimentary tract which does not allow absorption of sufficient nutrients to maintain weight and strength appropriate for the individual's general condition. Nutrients are provided through an indwelling intravenous catheter.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) follows Medicare guidelines for the provision of TPN services. TPN is covered for members over age 21 when it is medically necessary and the only method to maintain adequate weight and strength.

The Division covers TPN for members receiving Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, also known as "EPSDT," when medically necessary.