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Payment & Clinical Polices

Effective September 1, 2026

June 17, 2026

Thank you for your continued partnership with NH Healthy Families and Ambetter from NH Healthy Families. As you know, we continually review and update our payment and utilization policies to ensure that they are designed to comply with industry standards while delivering the best patient experience to our members. We are writing today to inform you of the revision to existing policies we will be implementing effectively with Dates of Service starting September 1, 2026.

Policy Number	Policy Name	Policy Description	Lines of Business
CP.PP.145	Malnutrition	Acute care hospitalizations for malnutrition require the most appropriate and most specific level of diagnosis coding. The medical record documentation supporting the diagnosis should be clearly documented by the physician or a licensed independent practitioner. The cost difference between a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) billed with malnutrition as a major complication or comorbidity (MCC) (in a position other than as the primary diagnosis code position) and a DRG billed without malnutrition as an MCC (in a position other than as the primary diagnosis code position) will be denied reimbursement unless meeting the documentation requirements described in this policy. The purpose of this policy is to support a retrospective review of inpatient claims billed with the diagnosis of malnutrition.	Medicaid Ambetter

Changes to reviews include:

- Updated Criteria I. to include non-severe (moderate) malnutrition diagnosis criteria guidelines and treatment. Added Criteria II. to include severe malnutrition diagnosis criteria guidelines and treatment. Coding and descriptions reviewed. Added ICD-10 codes E44.0 and E44.1.

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Thank you for your continued participation and cooperation in our ongoing efforts to render quality health care to our members. We look forward to helping you provide the highest quality of care for our members.

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Please contact Provider Services at **1-866-769-3085** with any questions.

Sincerely,

NH Healthy Families
Ambetter from NH Healthy Families