

“DSS Operational Policy – Donor Breast Milk – Implemented Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 17b-277c – Effective Date April 1, 2023”

Section 1. Section 17b-262-716 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding a new subsection (c) as follows:

- (c) Medicaid Coverage for Donor Breast Milk. Pursuant to section 17b-277c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the department shall provide Medicaid coverage for pasteurized donor breast milk when determined medically necessary under section 17b-259b of the Connecticut General Statutes and in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.
- (1) Practitioner Order. A licensed practitioner authorized by section 17b-277c of the Connecticut General Statutes shall issue a written order that documents that:
- a. Donor breast milk is medically necessary for the infant, informed by the clinical criteria established by the department (including but not limited to infant weight and health conditions, to be articulated and periodically updated in a Departmental Policy Bulletin); and either
 - i. The infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breastfeeding due to maternal breast milk being unsuitable for infant consumption (e.g. due to infectious disease, medication, or other maternal medical condition;)
OR
 - ii. The infant’s mother is unable to produce sufficient quantities of breast milk to satisfy the infant’s nutritional requirements.
- (4) Prior Authorization. Prior authorization is required for donor breast milk for an infant under twelve months of age in accordance with section 17b-262-718 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Donor breast milk for infants twelve months of age and over is covered only as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) special services approved by the department on a case-by-case basis and for which prior authorization is also required.
- (5) Provider Accreditation. The billing provider shall be enrolled with the department as a human breast milk bank in accordance with the department’s enrollment requirements for the applicable provider type and specialty, including that the provider shall obtain and maintain accreditation as a human breast milk bank from the Human Milk Banking Association of North America or another organization

approved in writing by the department as qualified to accredit human breast milk banks.

