

## Reimbursement of donor human breast milk

**Summary of change:** Effective with dates of service on and after July 1, 2016, Amerigroup Kansas, Inc. will reimburse a medical care facility for prescribed, medically necessary donor human breast milk for critically ill infants under the age of three months who are in a neonatal intensive care unit of a hospital. A person who is licensed to practice medicine and surgery will order the donor human breast milk using established medical necessity guidelines. The parent or legal guardian of the member must sign and date an informed consent form indicating the risks and benefits of using banked donor human breast milk.

The donor human breast milk must be obtained from a milk bank accredited by the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA) or a milk bank in compliance with federal regulations governing the production and labeling of such items as covered by statute in 21 CFR 100-169, and, in particular, parts 105-107 dealing with infant foods.

The milk must not be altered in composition (other than pooling with multiple donor mothers' milk to achieve target energy or protein goals) and should provide a nutritionally complete product for a term infant. The milk must be pasteurized and remain in a frozen state.

✦ **What this means to you:** Effective on or after July 1, 2016, medical care facilities will be reimbursed for prescribed, medically necessary donor human breast milk for infants up to the age of three months that are in the neonatal intensive care unit. This will be captured as part of the inpatient diagnosis related group (DRG) payments.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.