

Medicaid Coverage for "Thick It"

"Thick-It" is a product that thickens liquids, and it is used by individuals who are at-risk of aspiration if they drink thin liquids. Thick-It is a covered benefit for individuals enrolled in any of New Jersey's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO). Thick-It can be billed as a durable medical equipment (DME) code: B 4100, food thickener, per ounce. Alternatively, the Medicaid MCO may opt to cover Thick-it as a pharmacy service through National Drug Code (NDC) or UPC billing, with or without prior authorization.

If you are advocating on behalf of an individual enrolled in a Medicaid MCO, and there is any difficulty in receiving Thick-It with the information provided above, the Medicaid MCO care manager should be able to help. But if the care manager cannot help, please contact The Arc of New Jersey to let us know jlynch@arcnj.org or **732-246-2525, ext. 35**.