

ALASKA MEDICAID

OTC Calcium Products

Single entity Calcium or Calcium with Vitamin D

PREFERRED DRUG:

NA

NON-PREFERRED DRUG:

NA

INDICATION:

Calcium is a dietary supplement¹. As a dietary supplement under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) of 1994 this product cannot be labeled to "...to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease."²

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL:

1. The patient is being treated for Rickets; **OR**
2. The patient has a diagnosis of renal failure³; **OR**
3. The patient is a female; **AND**
4. is pregnant⁴.

LENGTH OF APPROVAL:

1. All criteria may be approved for up to 1 year.

DISPENSING LIMIT:

1. The dispensing limit is a 30 day supply of the medication.

REFERENCES / FOOTNOTES:

¹ Calcium Dietary Supplement Fact Sheet, available at:
<<http://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/calcium.asp>> Accessed 06/04/2009.

² Dietary Supplement Health And Education Act of 1994, available at
<<http://web.health.gov/dietsupp/ch1.htm>> Accessed 06/04/2009.

³McCann L. Calcium in chronic kidney disease: recommended intake and serum targets. *Adv Chronic Kidney Dis.* 2007 Jan;14(1):75-8.

⁴Kovacs CS. Calcium and bone metabolism in pregnancy and lactation. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2001 Jun;86(6):2344-8.