

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 supplement<sup>1</sup>. 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."<sup>2</sup>

**CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL:**

1. The patient is being treated for Rickets; **OR**
2. The patient has a diagnosis of renal failure<sup>3</sup>; **OR**
3. The patient is a female; **AND**
4. is pregnant<sup>4</sup>.

**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:**

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

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

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

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