

Medi-Cal Now Covers Donor Human Milk

"Where it is not possible for the biological mother to breastfeed, the first alternative, if available, should be the use of human milk from other sources." The World Health Organization

Must be medically necessary

Examples of medical necessity include:

- Infant born very low birth weight
- Infant at risk for necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) and/or infection
- Infant has a qualifying condition determined by the neonatologist or pediatrician
- Mother has a condition making their own milk insufficient in quantity or medically unsafe

If you have a family that has a medically necessary need, please direct them to one of the California nonprofit milk banks. You may be asked by their insurance provider to write a letter of medical necessity.

Go to Ca.gov and search "Medi-Cal Update Donor Human Milk" for more information

