

# DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



## DESCRIPTION OF THE CHANGE TO ENFIT ENTERAL FEEDING SUPPLIES

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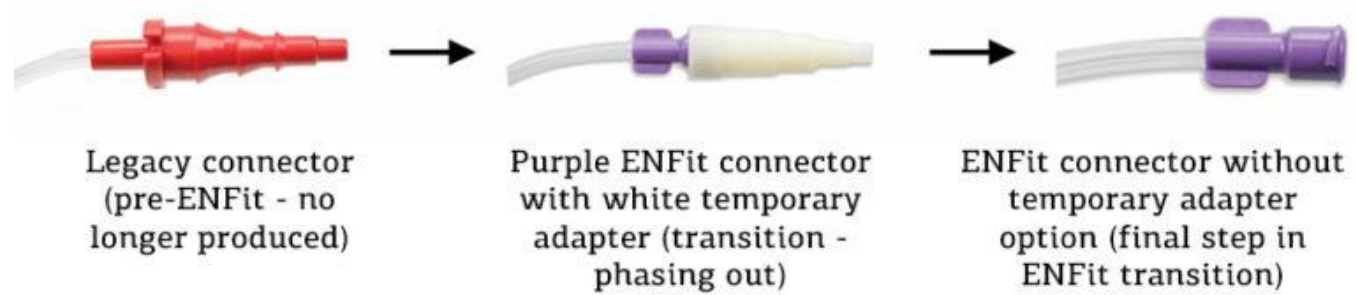
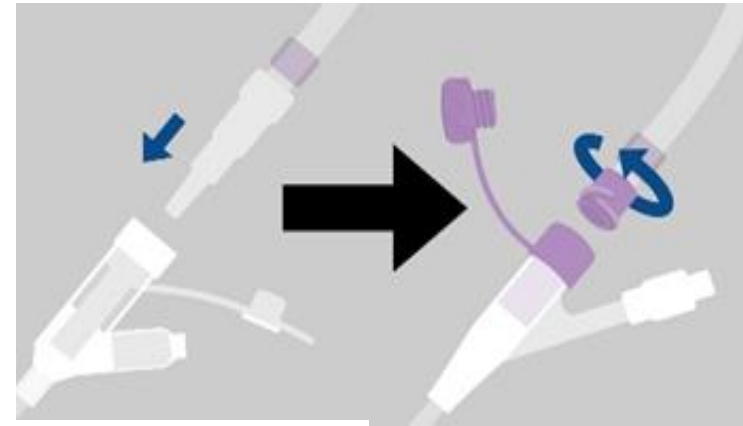
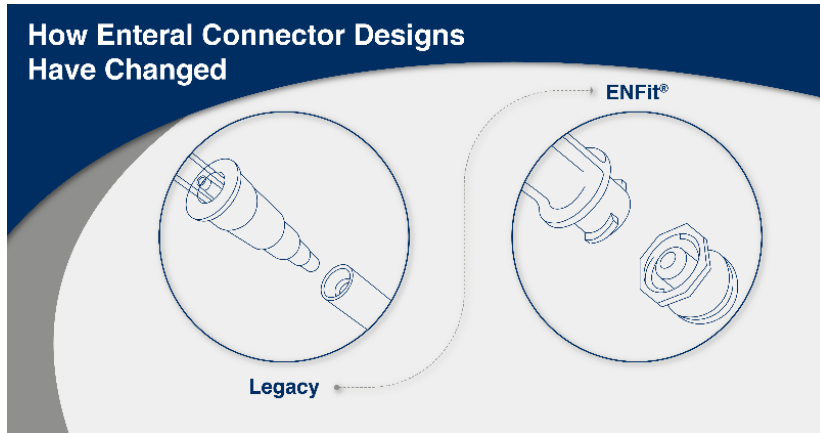
# ENFIT SUPPLIES TRANSITION

## Industry-wide shift to Enfit connectors to improve the safety of enteral connections

- Change intended to avoid misconnections, which occur when one medical device is mistakenly attached to another device that performs a different function.
- This change is occurring at the federal level. In 2018, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Global Enteral Device Supplier Association (GEDSA) endorsed a plan for an industry-wide shift to safer enteral connectors. The change is also supported by the Joint Commission, noting the risk of injury with legacy supplies.
- This transition was delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Manufacturers have since initiated this change on different timelines - some are still producing legacy products (pre-Enfit products) while others are preparing to stop or have stopped.
- The Enfit change impacts all enteral tube feeding products and connector ends: feeding bags, extensions, feeding tubes, enteral syringes.



# LEGACY SUPPLIES TO ENFIT SUPPLIES - OVERVIEW



# LEGACY SUPPLIES AND ENFIT SUPPLIES – SYRINGES AND FEEDING BAGS

## FEEDING BAG

with temporary adapter attached



## FEEDING BAG

with temporary adapter removed



Syringes



Legacy Syringe



Syringes



Enfit Syringe



# LEGACY SUPPLIES TO ENFIT SUPPLIES – NG TUBES AND FEEDING TUBE EXTENSIONS

## Legacy

NG Tube



## Enfit

NG Tube



Feeding Tube Extension



Feeding Tube Extension



# ENFit SUPPLY EXAMPLES

Enfit Liquid Medication Adapters



Other Enfit Adapters



Enfit Mic-Key Bolus Feed Extension



# CHALLENGES WITH TRANSITION TO ENFIT SUPPLIES

- Stakeholders have experienced challenges in the transition from legacy supplies to Enfit supplies, including:
  - **Coordination and clarification of coverage:**
    - Many families are experiencing challenges using the new Enfit system with legacy supplies. This includes getting needed Enfit supplies and adapters from DME providers and pharmacies. Pharmacies are sometimes unaware of a family's need for Enfit adapters. Feeding supply adapters do not always come with other DME feeding supplies. Some families are still receiving legacy syringes with Enfit supplies.
    - DME providers are unable to find a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for adapters.
    - Families have experienced challenges accessing the right cleaning equipment for Enfit supplies.
  - **Family support and training:**
    - Families have expressed receiving little direction or support to help them get what they need, such as adapters or legacy supplies and have not received sufficient training on how to use or access information about the Enfit supplies. Families have requested support in making this a smoother transition.
    - **Blended foods:** Enfit supplies make it harder to deliver blended foods, thicker feeds, and some medications.
    - **Syringes:** Syringes are not always Enfit-compatible. Syringes can get stuck in the Enfit supplies.
    - **Cleaning:** Enfit supplies are more challenging to clean compared to legacy supplies. A separate cleaning tool is available.
    - **Durability and ease of use:** Families report tubes failing and adapters not lasting long. Adapters are difficult to use.
    - Some families were trained on a specific set of enteral feeding supplies at the hospital but were given different supplies when they ordered more at home, making it hard to learn the new supplies.
  - **Training for school nurses:**
    - School system representatives have requested Enfit training for school nurses and Enfit-compatible supplies.
    - School nurses have experienced challenges in not getting access to Enfit supplies or information about the transition to Enfit.
- Families have pursued alternative solutions including: exchanging legacy supplies with other families, utilizing social media for support, purchasing legacy supplies online outside of the DME vendor, and creating their own methods to avoid using Enfit supplies.



## RESOURCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- [CMCAC What to Expect when Your Child's Medical Equipment or Supplies Change](#)
- [Aveena Health Care – Enfit Connectors](#)
- [Pediatric Home Service – New Enfit Guidelines](#)
- [Pediatric Home Service – Product Update \(pictures of supply changes\)](#)
- [Pediatric Home Service – Changes to Enteral Connectors](#)
- [Understanding the Transition to Enfit – Kentec Medical Inc.](#)

