

Sample Documentation Checklist For Enteral Reimbursement



- Complete prior authorization form, certificate of medical necessity or other application for payment
- Provide pertinent diagnosis
- Provide information regarding the patient's other conditions, symptoms and indications requiring enteral intervention, as applicable in a given case. Examples might include:
 - Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea
 - Current Height/Weight (provide growth chart if client is a child)
 - Ideal Body Weight for height, and current percent of IBW
 - Recent changes in weight (indicate percent change over specific period of time)
 - Pertinent lab values
 - Results of any diagnostic testing
 - Inability to chew, swallow adequate amounts of regular foods
- Document failure to consume adequate amounts (at least 70% of estimated energy needs), of regular or altered consistency foods on a regular basis
- Document failure on a lower cost formula if the request is for a specialty formula
- Identify requested duration of coverage
- Identify enrollment in any special program that will monitor progress/outcome
- Include justification for therapy by attending physician and other clinicians
- Include any pertinent references supporting enteral therapy for the specific diagnosis, conditions or symptoms that are present
- Identify alternatives and potential outcomes if therapy were denied and client did not receive adequate nutrition enterally. Examples might include:
 - Do nothing – potential for continued weight loss, stunted growth if client is a child
 - Parenteral nutrition – more costly and more clinically invasive than enteral therapy
- Involve Case Manager if there is one assigned to the case

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