



Enteral Nutrition and Feeding Pump

Documentation Requirements

Medicare/Tricare/Commercial

- ★ Enteral Nutrition Prescription
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medicaid

- ★ Medicaid Enteral Certificate of Medical Necessity
- ★ Medical records (see below for criteria)

Medical Record Requirements

- ★ Face to face visit with treating practitioner documenting patient's primary condition requiring enteral nutrition, as well as any secondary conditions (dysphagia, etc.).
 - For Medicaid, this visit must take place within 6 months of the order.
 - For Medicaid oral nutrition, documentation that sufficient caloric or protein intake is not obtainable through regular, liquified, or pureed food.
 - Additional notes from other clinicians can be used to support medical necessity (dietician notes, etc.) but cannot take the place of the treating practitioner's face to face visit.
- ★ For tube feeds:
 - Method of administration (i.e., pump, syringe, or gravity)
 - If pump fed, there must be documentation in the beneficiary's medical record to justify its use (i.e., gravity feeding is not satisfactory due to reflux and/or aspiration, severe diarrhea, dumping syndrome, administration rate less than 100ml/hr, blood glucose fluctuations, circulatory overload, gastrostomy/jejunostomy tube used for feeding)
 - Patient has a permanent impairment - this does not require a determination that there is no possibility that the patient's condition may improve sometime in the future. Treating practitioner documents that the impairment will be of long and indefinite duration.
 - Documentation of a permanent non-function or disease of the structures that normally permit food to reach the small bowel OR a disease of the small bowel which impairs digestion and absorption of an oral diet.
 - Must require tube feedings to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the beneficiary's overall health status.
 - Adequate nutrition must not be possible by dietary adjustment and/or oral supplements.
 - Requirement of > 2000 calories per day, or under 750 calories per day require additional justification.