



DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW

Enteral Food Products, Infant Formulas and Modified Food

Category: Medical Necessity

Action: Clinical Review

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL:

1. Enteral formulas which are medically necessary and taken under written order from a physician for the treatment of specific diseases shall be distinguished from nutritional supplements taken electively.
 - Provider must document that the enteral formula is clearly medically necessary
 - Provider must issue a written order.
 - The enteral formula must be a proven, effective, disease-specific treatment regimen for those individuals who are or will become malnourished or suffer from disorders, which if left untreated, cause chronic physical disability, mental retardation or death.
 - Specific diseases for which enteral formulas have been proven effective shall include, **but are not limited to**,
 - Inherited diseases of amino-acid or organic acid metabolism
 - Crohn's Disease
 - Gastro esophageal reflux with failure to thrive
 - Disorders of gastrointestinal motility such as
 - Chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction
 - Multiple severe food allergies, which left untreated, will cause malnourishment, chronic physical disability, mental retardation or death.
2. Modified Solid Food Products that are low protein or which contain modified protein, which are medically necessary are covered for certain inherited diseases of amino acid and organic acid metabolism.
 - Coverage for such modified solid food for any calendar year or for any continuous period of 12 months shall not exceed \$2,500.00 per individual.
3. New Jersey mandate for infant formulas {N.J. State 26:2J-4.25 (2002)}: The covered infant's physician must provide the following documentation
 - Diagnosis of multiple food protein intolerance and
 - Physician's determination of medical necessity

Trials of standard non-cow milk-based formulas, including soybean and goat milk, that have been non-responsive.

LENGTH OF APPROVAL:

Dependant upon the diagnosis and course of therapy but cannot exceed one year.

RATIONALE:

Every policy which provides coverage for prescription drugs shall include coverage for the cost of enteral formulas for home use for which a physician or other licensed health care provider legally authorized to prescribe under title eight of the education law has issued a written order as described within the New York State Insurance Law, s.3221 (k)(11).