

Enteral nutrition - Document needs

The following documentation is required to be in clinic visit/therapy notes from the treating provider within 12 months of the prescription for consideration of payment.

Enteral nutrition is required for this patient who has either:

- A. Permanent non-function or disease of the structures that normally permit food to reach the small bowel which requires tube feedings to provide sufficient nutrients to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the patient's overall health status. Or
- B. Disease of the small bowel which impairs digestion and absorption of an oral diet, which requires tube feedings to provide sufficient nutrients to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the patient's overall health status.
 - Describe if the patient has a permanent impairment which is of long and indefinite duration (at least three months).
 - Describe that the patient's condition is either anatomic (e.g., obstruction due to head and neck cancer or reconstructive surgery, etc.) or due to a motility disorder (e.g., severe dysphagia following a stroke, etc.).
 - Describe if the patient has a partial impairment (e.g., a patient with dysphagia who can swallow small amounts
 - of food or a patient with Crohn's disease who requires prolonged infusion of enteral nutrients to overcome a problem with absorption).
 - Describe that the patient requires formula supplies and pump to administer tube feeding.

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