***Letter of Medical Necessity***

Date: *Month, Day, Year*

TO: *Insurance Company*

FROM: *Physician Name*

SUBJECT: Request for coverage/ reimbursement for Compleat® Pediatric tube feeding formula.

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement on behalf of my patient, *Name/Date of Birth****.***I have prescribed Compleat® Pediatric formula, manufactured by Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition, Inc. for the dietary management of *Diagnosis or Condition.*

*Verify medical necessity for formula, including: diagnosis, documented failure or intolerance to other formulas, current HT/WT, tracking on growth chart, history of wt loss, pertinent lab results, medications, potential outcome if formula were denied.*

Compleat® Pediatric formula is designed for children 1 – 10 years of age that may benefit from a formula with real food ingredients. This product is intended for the nutritional management of those pediatric patients with special health needs, constipation, diarrhea, developmental disabilities and/ or those requiring a long term tube feeding regimen and desire a real food component. Compleat® Pediatric is a medical food intended for use under the supervision of a medical professional. There is a concern that an individual who is denied coverage for a commercially blenderized formula may try to prepare a “homemade” formula, thus increasing the potential for bacterial contamination and nutrient variability.

Compleat® Pediatric formula is recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as “an enteral formula, manufactured blenderized natural foods with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube”, found in HCPCS Category B4149.

Thank you for taking the time to review this request. Please contact me should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Signature:

Name:

Title:

Attachments: *You may want to include pertinent information supporting evidence of medical necessity and product information. Please refer to the following websites for product information: www.NestleHealthScience.us and www.CareInitiative.com.*