***Letter of Medical Necessity***

*Date: Month, Day, Year*

TO: *Insurance Company*

FROM: *Physician Name*

SUBJECT: Request for coverage and/ reimbursement for Peptamen Junior® with Prebio1™ peptide-based formula

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement on behalf of my patient, *Name/Date of Birth****.***I have prescribed Peptamen Junior® with Prebio1™ formula for the dietary management of *Diagnosis or Condition.*

*Verify medical necessity for formula, including:*

* *Date of birth*
* *Diagnosis*
* *Height*
* *Weight*
* *Weight history*
* *Tracking on growth chart*
* *Brief documentation of weight loss/intolerance*
* *Nutrition prescription*

Peptamen Junior® with Prebio1™ formula is a nutritionally complete peptide-based formula with a prebiotic fiber blend for the nutritional support of GI-impaired children 1 – 13 years of age. This product is intended for the nutritional management of patients with:

* Impaired GI function
* Malabsorption
* Delayed gastric emptying
* Growth failure
* A requirement for early enteral feeding
* Transition from TPN

**The product can be used as a complete tube feeding or oral supplement. Peptamen Junior® with Prebio1™ formula is a medical food intended for use under the supervision of a medical professional.**

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| **Peptamen Junior**® **with Prebio1™** | **Attributes of Peptamen Junior**® **with Prebio1™** |
| **100% Whey protein**, enzymatically hydrolyzed | * Whey protein has a higher biological value than casein.(1) * Enzymatic hydrolysis mimics the natural digestive process. * Balanced peptide profile supports absorption & maintenance of gut integrity.(2,3,4) |
| **<1% Intact Protein**  98% Peptides, <2% Free Amino Acids (FAA) | * **All Peptamen Junior formulas contain <1% intact protein** * 53% of the peptides in Peptamen Junior are less than 10 AA in chain length (1150 daltons), facilitating improved nitrogen absorption. |
| **MCT:LCT = 60:40**  Fat source: MCT oil, soybean oil, canola oil | * **60% of fat derived from MCT to decrease potential for fat malabsorption.** |
| Availability:   * 250 mL **Tetra Prisma® cartons** | * **Nestlé products are available in cartons made without the use of BPA.** |

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| **Name** | **Flavor** | **Case UPC** | **Packaging** | **Calories per Carton** | **Reimbursement/ NDC Formatted Number** | **HCPCS Code** |
| Peptamen Junior® with Prebio1™ | Vanilla | 10798716162613 | 24 x 250 mL | 250 | 0065-9068-70 | B4161 |
| Peptamen Junior® with Prebio1™ | Chocolate | 00798716364164 | 24 x 250 mL | 250 | 98716-0364-15 | B4161 |

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* www.NestleHealthScience.us *website for product information.*

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