***Letter of Medical Necessity***

Date: *Month, Day, Year*

TO: *Insurance Company*

FROM: *Physician Name*

SUBJECT: Request for coverage/ reimbursement for *VIVONEX® PLUS, complete, 100% free amino acid-based nutritional formula*.

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement on behalf of my patient, *Name/Date of Birth****.***I have prescribed *VIVONEX® PLUS* formula, manufactured by Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition, Inc. for the dietary management of this patient with severely impaired gastrointestinal function as a result of *Diagnosis or Condition.*

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

***VIVONEX®PLUS***

Vivonex® PLUS is a nutritionally complete elemental formula and is appropriate for use in patients ages 3 and up. This product is a nutritionally complete, 100% free amino acid-based formula for the nutritional management of patients with severely impaired GI function. It can be used to provide nutritional support for: transitional feedings, extensive bowel resection, severe protein, fat malabsorption, malabsorption syndrome, select trauma and or trauma surgery, early post operative feeding, intestinal failure, chylothorax, trophic feeding, as well as an alternative to Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) or dual feeding with TPN.

Vivonex® PLUS has been formulated to contain only 6% of calories from fat to help support gastric emptying and to reduce pancreatic stimulation. The formula requires minimal digestive functionality for assimilation of essential nutrients while providing benefits associated with continued use of the gastrointestinal tract. While the product is unflavored, it can be used for tube feeding or oral supplementation. Vivonex® PLUS is recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as an enteral formula, nutritionally complete, hydrolyzed proteins (amino acids and peptide chain), includes fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an enteral feeding tube, found in HCPCS Category B4153.

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

Sincerely,

*Signature:*

*Name:*

*Title:*

Attachments: *If relevant, include pertinent information supporting evidence of medical necessity and product information. Please refer to* [*www.NestleHealthScience.us*](http://www.NestleHealthScience.us) *for product information.*