

Policy References: [Enteral and Parenteral Nutritional Therapy National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) Enteral Nutrition - Correct Coding and Billing](#)

Documentation References: [Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article - A55426](#)

The treating clinician must complete the following items:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

Medical Documentation:

- Beneficiary has permanent impairment
 - Non-function of, the structures that normally permit food to reach the digestive tract
 - Cannot maintain weight and strength commensurate with his or her general condition
- Beneficiary requires tube feeding to maintain weight and strength commensurate with overall health status
 - Adequate nutrition must not be possible by dietary adjustment and/or oral supplements
 - The method of administration and the reason why that method is necessary
 - The nutrient, and why it is necessary

Special Nutrients

- SWO of the special nutrient
- Medical records document specific medical condition and need for the special nutrient

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