**CLINICIAN CHECKLIST FOR ENTERAL NUTRITION**

**Policy References:**

- [Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Enteral Nutrition (L38955)]
- [Local Coverage Article: Enteral Nutrition – Policy Article (A58833)]

**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 of long and indefinite duration
  - [ ] Full or partial non-function of the structures that normally permit food to reach the digestive tract; OR
  - [ ] Disease that impairs digestion/absorption of an oral diet by the small bowel
- [ ] Beneficiary requires enteral access device feeding to maintain weight and strength commensurate with overall health status
  - [ ] Adequate nutrition must not be possible by dietary adjustment/oral supplementation
  - [ ] The method of administration and the reasoning behind that method
- [ ] The nutrient and why it is necessary

**Special Nutrients**

- [ ] SWO
- [ ] Medical records documenting specific medical condition (diagnosis alone is not sufficient reasoning) and medical need for the special nutrient