Policy References: Local Coverage Determination Enteral Nutrition (L33783) and Policy Article (A52493)

Documentation References: Standard Documentation Requirements Policy Article (PA) A55426

The treating clinician must complete the following items:
- Standard Written Order (SWO)
- Medical record documentation requirements (see below)

Medical Documentation

- The beneficiary has a permanent impairment (at least 3 months in duration)
- The beneficiary has one of the two following conditions and requires tube feeding to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the beneficiary’s overall health status
  - The beneficiary has non-function or disease of the structures that normally permit food to reach the small bowel; or
  - The beneficiary has disease of the small bowel which impairs digestion and absorption of an oral diet
- Adequate nutrition is not possible by dietary adjustment and/or oral supplements
- The method of administration and the reasons why that method is necessary
- The nutrient, and why it is necessary

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