

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