

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

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

The supplier must be able to provide all of these items on request:

- [Standard Written Order \(SWO\)](#)
- [Beneficiary Authorization](#)
- [Proof of Delivery \(POD\)](#)
- [Refill Requirements](#)
- [Continued Need](#)
- [Continued Use](#)
- [DME Information Form \(DIF\) CMS-10126](#)
- Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

Medical Records should contain:

- Beneficiary has permanently impaired GI tract; **and**
- There is sufficient absorption of the nutrients to maintain adequate strength and weight
 - Beneficiary cannot be maintained on oral or enteral feedings; **and**
 - Due to severe pathology of the alimentary tract, the beneficiary must be intravenously infused with nutrients
 - Infusions must be vital to the nutritional stability of the beneficiary
 - Physical signs, symptoms and test results indicating severe pathology of the alimentary tract must be clear in any documentation
- Maintenance of weight and strength commensurate with overall health status must require Intravenous nutrition and must not be possible utilizing the following:
 - Modifying the nutrient composition of the enteral diet; **and**
 - Utilizing pharmacologic means to treat the etiology of the malabsorption
- Documentation to support use of pump B9004 or B9006

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Miscellaneous

- Ordering physician is expected to see the beneficiary within 30 days prior to the initial certification; **or**
- Ordering physician must document why the beneficiary wasn't seen and what other monitoring Methods were used to evaluate their nutritional need
- Medical records must document necessity for protein orders outside the range of 0.8-1.5 gm/kg/day, dextrose concentration <10%, or lipid use >1500 grams per month
- Medical records must document necessity for special formulas B5000-B5200