

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST FOR PARENTERAL NUTRITION

Policy References:

- [Local Coverage Determination \(LCD\) L38953](#)
- [Policy Article \(PA\) A58836](#)

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](#)

Medical records from treating practitioner as noted below

Medical records should contain:

Enteral nutrition has been tried and ruled out, or tried and found ineffective

Impaired absorption of nutrition:

Beneficiary has a condition which significantly impairs nutrient absorption involving the small intestine or exocrine glands; **or**

Beneficiary has a disease of the stomach or intestine which is a motility disorder impairing transport and absorption by gastrointestinal (GI) system

Practitioner judgement of existence of a permanent impairment with long and indefinite duration

Monitoring methods for evaluation of parenteral needs and continued need

Sufficient information to support the clinical diagnosis and related conditions, permanence and duration of condition, clinical course of treatment, prognosis, and experience with other interventions

Medical justification for protein, dextrose, or lipid orders that fall outside of the ranges specified in the policy or need for special formulas

Documentation to support use of pump B9004 or B9006

Miscellaneous

Treating practitioner is expected to see the beneficiary within 30 days prior to the initiation of parenteral nutrition; **or**

Treating practitioner must document why the beneficiary wasn't seen and what other monitoring methods were used to evaluate nutritional need