# Combined MassHealth Managed Care Organization (MCO) Medical Necessity Review Form for Enteral Nutrition Products (Special Formula)

You must submit this form with your request for prior authorization. The form must be completed by the prescriber and have a copy of the prescription attached. Please refer to the instructions for completing this form provided at the end of this document.

All sections must be completed.

1. Member’s name:

2. Member’s ID no.:

3. Member’s DOB and age:

Weeks of gestation for premature infants (if applicable):

4. Member/family’s primary language:

5. Member’s address and telephone no.:

Telephone no.:

6. Member’s current location:

Home

Hospital

NICU

Other (specify):

Telephone no.:

7. Primary diagnosis name and ICD-CM code:

8. Secondary diagnosis name and ICD-CM code:

9. Anthropometric measures (complete all items)

Height:

Weight:

Growth percentile (child only):

Body mass index (BMI):

Basal metabolic rate (BMR):

Ideal body weight:

10. Laboratory tests (attach results)

Type of blood tests (specify):

Type of urine tests (specify):

Allergy testing (specify):

Other tests (specify):

11. Risk factors (use attachments as needed)

Anatomic structure of gastrointestinal tract

Neurological disorder (specify):

Inborn errors of metabolism (specify):

Malabsorption syndrome (specify type):

Treatment with anti-nutrient or catabolic properties

Increased metabolic or caloric need

Other (specify):

12. Route of treatment

Mouth (oral) only

Nasogastric (NG-tube)

Gastric (G-tube)

Jejunal (J-tube)

Other (specify):

13. Treatment regimen initiated (attach explanation)

Past (note specific dates of duration of use and signs and symptoms of complications of any prior used formulas)

Current (last six months)

None

14. Expected treatment outcome (attach explanation)

Expected to improve within 3 months

Expected to improve within 6 months

Expected to improve within 12 months

Not expected to improve

15. Location where member will use items:

Home

Work

Hospital

Other (specify):

16. \*Expedited service authorization request (must attach detailed explanation)

Could seriously jeopardize the member’s:

Life or health

Ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function

Other (specify):

\*MCO plan to provide notice to provider no later than 3 business days after receipt of request.

17. Duration of need (number of months):

Start and end dates

18. No. of refills:

19. Enteral formula and supplies (include HCPCS codes)

a.

b.

c.

20. Volume/fluid oz. and calories per day (list all)

a.

b.

c.

21. Quantity per month (total units requested per HCPCS code)

a.

b.

c.

22. Type of formula requested: P = powder R = ready-to-use C = concentrate

23. DME provider

Company name:

Provider’s National Provider Identifier (NPI) (if available):

Address:

Telephone no. (if available):

Fax no. (if available):

24. Prescriber

Name:

NPI:

Address:

Telephone no.:

Fax no.:

25. Person completing form on behalf of prescriber

Name:

Title:

Telephone no.:

Organization:

Fax no.:

26. Attestation: I certify that the clinical information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any falsification, omission, or concealment of material fact may be subject to civil or criminal liability.

Prescriber attestation (signature)

Date (mm/dd/yy)

This form must be completed by the prescriber. Please check off the member’s MCO plan and fax or submit this completed and signed form according to the MCO’s special instructions on the next page.

## Fallon Health

Contact: Prior Authorization Department. Tel.: (508) 368-9138, Fax: (508) 368-9700 or urgent fax request (508) 368-9133.

Special Instructions: Please provide notes of past one year of office visits, yearly checkups, testing results, and growth charts. For a list of contracted medical suppliers, visit the Physician and Provider section at [www.fchp.org](http://www.fchp.org/).

## Health New England (HNE)

Contact Person/Department: Health Services Department. Tel.: (413) 787-4000 x5027, Fax:(413) 233-2700.

Special Instructions: Please provide notes of past one year of office visits, yearly checkups, testing results, and growth charts. The completed form is to be faxed to the contracted DME/medical supplier.

## Mass General Brigham ACO

Contact Department: DME-Nutritional Authorizations Team—Department; Clinical Operations. Tel.: (855) 444-4647 (toll free), Fax: (617) 586-1700.

Special Instructions: The DME provider is to submit the request to Mass General Brigham Health Plan via electronic submission and upload the form to [provider.massgeneralbrighamhealthplan.org](http://provider.massgeneralbrighamhealthplan.org).

Home infusion therapy and enteral feedings will each require a separate submission.

## Tufts Health Plan

Contact Person/Department: Tel.: (888) 257-1985, Fax: (888) 415-9055.

Special Instructions: Send the completed form to the contracted DME/medical supplier. If the diagnosis is failure to thrive (FTT), submit a growth chart in addition to the form.

## WellSense (formerly BMCHP)

Special Instructions: Choose a DME supplier from the list of Northwood contracted suppliers available on the WellSense website (<https://www.wellsense.org/find-a-provider>). Providers should fax the prescription and additional medical information to the DME supplier directly. The DME supplier will confirm the order and ship it.

Please note: Northwood in-network suppliers provide all oral enterals. Oral enterals under $500 (and other DME) do not require a prior authorization, and the prescription as well as supporting documentation can be sent directly to the supplier. For assistance identifying a DME supplier, please use the WellSense Find a Provider tool, or contact Northwood at [customerservicegroup@northwoodinc.com](mailto:customerservicegroup@northwoodinc.com) or (866) 802-6471.

For tube-fed enterals, home infusion providers should contact WellSense for prior authorization and use the form at <https://www.wellsense.org/providers/prior-authorization>

Note: Prior-authorization requests with incomplete medical necessity documentation may be returned for more information or denied. Please refer to the MassHealth and MCO Guidelines for Medical Necessity Determination for Enteral Nutrition and Special Medical Formulas for further information about submitting required clinical documentation.

## Instructions: Complete all applicable fields on the form. Print or type all sections.

Item 1

Member’s name

Enter the member’s name as it appears on the MCO plan card.

Item 2

Member’s MCO ID no.

Enter the member’s MCO plan identification number, which appears beside the member’s name on the MCO card.

Item 3

Member’s DOB/age

Enter the member’s date of birth in month/day/year order and age. Also include weeks of gestation for premies if applicable.

Item 4

Member/family’s primary language

Enter the member/family’s primary language. (If other than English, this will flag the possible need for translator and/or interpreter services.)

Item 5

Member’s address

Enter the member’s permanent legal address (street address, town, and ZIP code) and a telephone number where they can be reached.

Item 6

Member’s current location

Place a checkmark beside the member’s current location (include telephone number).

Note: If NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) is checked off, the MCO and/or its designated DME or pharmacy vendor will flag the PA, process it, and track it expeditiously to ensure that the member’s nutritional needs will be met as soon as the member is ready to be discharged to the community.

Item 7

Primary diagnosis

Enter the primary diagnosis name and ICD-CM code that correspond to the nutritional disorder for which the enteral product is being requested. Include evidence based clinical data regarding disease processes (for example, not just GERD—all the clinical data that confirms that diagnosis).

Item 8

Secondary diagnosis

Enter the secondary diagnosis name and ICD-CM codes (up to three codes) that further describe medical conditions associated with the primary diagnosis. Enter “N/A” if not applicable. Include evidence based clinical data regarding disease processes (for example, not just GERD—all the clinical data that confirms that diagnosis).

Item 9

Anthropometric measures

Complete all items associated with signs and symptoms of nutritional risk. Enter the member’s height in inches, weight in pounds, body mass index, basal metabolic rate, and ideal body weight. Enter the growth percentile for children, and attach a growth chart.

Item 10

Laboratory tests

Place a checkmark beside all diagnostic laboratory tests that apply, and specify the type of tests (for example, serum albumin, hematocrit, and enzyme profiles) in the space provided. Attach the results for each test.

Item 11

Risk factors

Place a checkmark beside all risk factors that may affect treatment of nutritional risk. When indicated, specify the risk factors in the risk space provided. Attach clinical information for items checked.

Item 12

Route of treatment

Place a checkmark beside the primary method of administering enteral products. If checking “Other,” specify the method (for example, gravity, pump, or syringe) in the space provided.

Item 13

Treatment regimen initiated

Place a checkmark beside treatments that have been tried to manage nutritional risk. Attach an explanation on other nutritional support products used and responsiveness to such treatments.

Item 14

Expected treatment outcome

Place a checkmark beside the item that describes the prognosis for improvement with enteral treatment. Attach an explanation.

Item 15

Location where member will use items

Place a checkmark beside all locations that apply to use of this product. If checking “Other,” specify the location where the product will be used (for example, skilled nursing facility or end stage renal disease facility) in the space provided.

Item 16

Expedited service authorization request

Place a checkmark beside the reason for requesting an expedited service authorization. You must attach a detailed explanation for any reason checked.

Item 17

Duration of need

Enter the total number of months that the prescriber expects the member to need the items requested. Specify 1 to 99 months, where 99 indicates lifetime use. Enter start and end dates if known.

Item 18

No. of refills

Enter the number of monthly refills for this prescription.

Item 19

Enteral formula and supplies

Print the name of the enteral formula being requested and, if applicable, the supplies (for example, syringes or pump) required to administer the formula. Include HCPCS codes.

Item 20

Volume/fluid oz. per day and calories per day

Enter the volume/fluid oz. per day of reconstituted formula being recommended for the member and enter the calories per day (for example, 1 unit = 100 calories).

Item 21

Quantity per month/total units requested per HCPCS code

Enter the quantity of enteral products requested per month for items listed (for example, 30 8-oz. cans).

Item 22

Type of formula requested

Place a checkmark beside the type of formula requested.

Item 23

DME provider

Enter the company name and address of the provider that will supply the enteral product(s) being requested. If available, also provide the DME provider’s telephone and fax numbers and provider NPI.

Item 24

Prescriber

Enter the name, address, telephone, and fax numbers where the physician/clinician can be contacted if more information is needed. Include the prescriber’s MCO plan provider’s NPI, or if the prescriber is not an MCO plan provider, enter the prescriber’s NPI.

Item 25

Person completing form on behalf of prescriber

If a clinical professional other than the treating clinician (for example, home health nurse, dietician, physical therapist, or nursing facility staff) or a physician employee answers any of the items on this form, they must print their name, professional title, and name of employer (organization) where indicated.

Item 26

Attestation

The prescriber must attest that the clinical information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge by signing this field.

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