

REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION

Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition products may be considered for reimbursement by third party payers when there is documented medical necessity. It's best to check with the specific payer as coverage will vary by payer and plan.

General Reimbursement Information by Payer

Medicare Part B: Under the Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) benefit, Enteral Nutrients and Supplies may be a covered benefit when all of the following criteria are met*:

1. Diagnosis reflecting a functional impairment
2. Tube feeding is required to “provide sufficient nutrients to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the patient’s overall health status”. Must be primary source of nutrition
3. Permanent impairment

For information on Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition product HCPCS codes go to the Medicare Pricing Data Analysis Contractor (PDAC) website and use the “Search for Codes or Fees” feature. <https://www.dmepdac.com/dmecs/index.html>

A list of HCN products and their corresponding HCPCS codes are also available from your local HCN Sales Representative and on our website at: www.nestle-nutrition.com

Medicaid: Each state has various program policies regarding Tube Feeding and Oral Supplements for Adults and Children. If there is a benefit policy in place, most policies require that there is a documented medical need for the therapy.

Private Insurance: Plans may consider payment for Tube Feeding and Oral Supplements if medically necessary. Check with the payer’s benefit manager for specific coverage and payment information.

WIC:** Many Nestlé HealthCare Products, specifically those for children, have been deemed by the USDA as a “WIC Eligible Medical Food”, for a specific condition. For a list of WIC Eligible Medical Foods go to the USDA WIC Works Database and use the Selected Search by Category feature to find a specific product:

<http://riley.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/formulas/FormulaSearch.php>

Some states have additional requirements before a product will be authorized by their state WIC Program. Check with your state WIC office to find out if a specific product is authorized in your state.

If the state recognizes a product for authorization, a prescription from a health care professional (licensed by the state to write prescriptions), for a specific product, dose and duration will be required in order for the program to consider authorizing coverage.***

Patient Assistance Program: HCN operates a Patient Assistance Program to provide nutritional support to qualified persons who do not have or qualify for insurance, governmental assistance or other sources of funding. Applications must be completed in full by the person requesting products or his/her representative and by a licensed health care professional providing care or services to the person. You may obtain an application from your sales representative or by calling Renae Simmons at 847-808-5444.

* Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Coverage Determination for Enteral and Parenteral Nutritional Therapy (180.2):

http://www.cms.gov/mcd/viewncd.asp?ncd_id=180.2&ncd_version=1&basket=ncd%3A180%2E2%3A1%3AEnteral+and+Parenteral+Nutritional+Therapy

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*** WIC Program Regulations (1-1-10 edition): Food and Nutrition Service, USDA. 7crf 246.10, pages 376-377

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