

Letter of Medical Necessity for Phenylketonuria (PKU)

Date:

Insurance Company:

Member ID:

Patient Name:

DOB:

Medical Condition: PKU ICD-9 270.1

CPT/HCPCS Code:

To Whom It May Concern:

(Patient Name) age _____ years, height _____, weight _____, is followed by (Physician) at the (Clinic), (Department) for Phenylketonuria (PRU, ICD-9 270.1), a disorder in which the body cannot use the amino acid phenylalanine properly. Phenylalanine accumulates in the blood to toxic levels in untreated individuals, resulting in severe mental deficiency. This disease was detected in the newborn period and has been treated since that time.

Treatment for PKU involves a diet that is very low in protein to limit the intake of phenylalanine. The amount of protein tolerated while limiting the phenylalanine is insufficient for growth. As results, special formulas have been devised which are complete in-terms of nutrition, except that phenylalanine has been eliminated. Thus, the individual receives a special formula together with very limited amounts of low protein food

In (Patient Name) case, the specific formula is (Formula/Medical Food Product), and amino acid (Type of product, bars, powder, etc.) manufactured by (Manufacture Company Name), at (amount of grams) of the (Product name); (Any other related formula/ medical food product and amounts). In addition to formula, (Patient Name) tolerance for protein in his food is extremely low. This means that much of his/hers/theirs food must be provided as specially manufactured food products modified to have less than 1 gram of protein per serving, such as low protein pastas, bread,, flour mixes, cookies, and imitation meats and cheese, etc.

It is essential to note that without these foods, it would be impossible to prevent chronic and severe hunger and failure to comply with diet restrictions.

(Insert a brief summary of any state law, if any), please see attached Law: (Insert Law House Bill)

In summary, (Patient Name) is in need of (Formula/Medical Food Product (s)), medical formula and low protein special food products for treatment of PKU, ICD-9: 270.1 This patient has led a healthy life thus far, continued careful therapy will assure that this continues to be the case.

Sincerely,

(Physician's Signature), MD

(Physician's Printed Name), MD

(Physician's Phone Number)