

Enteral Nutrition BCNA Standard Formula

We provide coverage for this procedure for pediatric (over the age of 1) and adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We may retrospectively monitor compliance with authorization requirements.

Applicable procedure codes: B4150, B4152, B4158, B4159 and B4160

See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

Q Does the patient have either of the following A or B: A. Full or partial non-function or disease of the structures that normally permit food to reach the small bowel (for example, head and neck cancer with reconstructive surgery and central nervous system disease). B. Disease that impairs digestion and/or absorption of an oral diet, directly or indirectly, by the small bowel (for example, inflammatory bowel disease, surgical resection of small bowel, cystic fibrosis, chronic pancreatitis and advanced liver disease).

A

Possible answers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q Is enteral nutrition required to provide sufficient nutrients to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the patient's overall health status?

A

Possible answers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q Is adequate nutrition possible with oral supplementation or diet modification?

A

Possible answers: ☐ Yes ☐ No



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Q Is the patient's condition permanent or of long and indefinite duration?

A

Possible answers: ☐ Yes ☐ No