

## Letter of Medical Necessity

**Date:** (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

**To:** (Insurance company) \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** (Physician name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject: Request for coverage of Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 Vanilla, Standard 1.4 Chocolate, Standard 1.4 Plain**

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement for my patient, (Name) \_\_\_\_\_, (DOB as MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_, for whom I have prescribed the use of Kate Farms Standard 1.4 vanilla, chocolate, or plain. Based on this patient's clinical history, and diagnosis of medical condition/diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_, I have determined that the formula indicated above is medically necessary.

My patient's current measurements are:

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

BMI/BMI percentile: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight History: \_\_\_\_\_

Pertinent Labs and/or Medications (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

The potential health of this patient will decline if this formula is not covered and could result in (List out health outcomes associated with denial) \_\_\_\_\_.

The unique formulation of Kate Farms Standard 1.4 provides a complete nutrition profile for those patients ages 1 years and up through adulthood and may be the *sole source of nutrition* for this patient to be taken orally or via a feeding tube.

Clinical malnutrition is becoming a growing problem in our country, and more than 50% of those adults who are hospitalized, are estimated to be malnourished.<sup>1</sup> Estimations for pediatric malnutrition have been reported to be between 6-51%. It is known that with the diagnosis of malnutrition in pediatric patients, comes a three-fold increase in overall hospital cost. With malnutrition comes a two-and-a-half time increase in hospital length of stay, increase in comorbidities, and 3.5-fold increase in home care needs following discharge.<sup>2</sup>

Since Kate Farms Standard 1.4 can be taken orally or via a feeding tube, it can support the nutritional management of patients with malnutrition and chronic conditions to help decrease overall health care costs. Literature on the use of nutritional supplements in adult hospitalized

patients has displayed an overall decrease in readmission (6.7%), overall episode cost (21.6% decrease), and in length of stay (21% decrease).<sup>3</sup>