

Letter of Medical Necessity

Date: _____
To: _____
From: _____

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

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement for my patient, _____, _____, for whom I have prescribed the use of Kate Farms® Standard 1.4. Based on this patient’s clinical history, and diagnosis of _____, 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

Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 provides a balance of macronutrients for those patients ages 14 years and up through adulthood and may be the sole source of nutrition or supplemental nutrition for this patient to be taken orally or via tube feeding. Calorically dense at 1.4kcal/mL to meet needs with less volume. Standard 1.4 has a low glycemic index. Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 is made for tolerance™ and contains organic agave inulin as a source of prebiotic fiber for gut microbiome support. The formula is recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as “Enteral formula, nutritionally complete with intact nutrients, includes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, may include fiber, administered through an

enteral feeding tube, 100 calories = 1 unit” found in the HCPCS Category B4150.

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.¹ 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.²

Since Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 can be taken orally or via a feeding tube, it can support the nutrition of patients with malnutrition and chronic conditions and may help decrease overall health care costs. Malnutrition-related inpatient stays are up to twice as costly in comparison to all inpatient stays. The 30-day readmission rates for malnourished patients were 50% higher than a patient without malnutrition.³

In addition to the above, to date, my patient has *failed* to tolerate other products including: _____ as evidenced by:

- Failure to meet weight gain goals
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- Heartburn/GERD
- Excessive gas and/or bloating
- Abdominal pain/cramps
- Increased mucus production
- Early Satiety
- Hyperglycemia or uncontrolled blood glucose
- Abnormal Labs
- Add additional symptoms, if applicable: _____
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The composition of Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 is made without the top 9 allergens including milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soybeans, and sesame and is gluten free. Kate Farms medical products contain all nine essential amino acids from pea protein with additional L-Cysteine and L-Tryptophan to provide a Protein Digestibility Corrected Amino Acid Score (PDCAAS) of 1.0. The formula includes organic ingredients as well as an organic phytonutrient blend designed to improve markers of oxidative stress in adults.⁴

For the above-outlined medical reasons, I am prescribing the following:

- Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 Vanilla**
- Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 Chocolate**
- Kate Farms® Standard 1.4 Plain**

Based on my patient's current medical condition, I am prescribing _____ calories or _____ ounces per day, which equates to _____% of daily caloric needs. This equates to _____ Tetra pack cartons daily.

Your approval of this request for assistance with medical care and reimbursement of the formula would have a significant positive impact on this patient's nutrition.

Sincerely,

Signature of prescribing provider

Date

Printed Name of prescribing provider

Title

Title – Center/Hospital/Institution/Practice

Encouraged Enclosures to be attached: Current Growth Chart, Letter of Dictation, Reports, Prescriptions, etc.

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