

Template Letter of Medical Necessity*

To: _____
(Insurance Company)

Date: _____

From: _____
(Physician's Name)

SUBJECT: Insurance Coverage Request for PediaSure® Peptide 1.0 Cal/ PediaSure® Peptide 1.5 Cal

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement of ***PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal/PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal*** for my patient, _____. The use of a peptide-based nutrition product such as ***PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal/PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal*** is a key component of the medical management for this patient.

Patient Information (to be completed by the physician)

- PATIENT'S NAME
- DOB
- CURRENT WEIGHT
- CURRENT HEIGHT
- # OF MONTHS/YEARS UNDER MY CARE
- DIAGNOSIS
- OTHER (if applicable)

Based on my patient's current medical condition, I am prescribing _____ CALORIES kcal/_____ OUNCES/BOTTLES per day.

PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal/PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal is the only pediatric peptide-based formula with structured lipids to help support absorption and tolerance. It is a nutritionally complete, peptide-based formula for the nutritional needs for children ages 1-13 years with malabsorption, maldigestion and other conditions where a peptide-base diet is required.

PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal/PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal is scientifically formulated to help children absorb the nutrients they need for growth and development. In comparison with formulas containing only free amino acids or intact protein, peptide-based formulas provide better absorption, better tolerance, and better maintenance of GI-tract integrity,¹⁻⁵

PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal/PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal also contains NutraFlora® scFOS®, a prebiotic soluble fiber, which provides fuel for beneficial bacteria in the digestive tract that helps support a healthy immune system.⁶⁻⁸ This formulation also contains 50% medium chain triglycerides and structured lipids for enhanced fat absorption.^{9,10}

PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal / PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal is specifically designed to meet the nutritional needs of for children ages 1-13 years with malabsorption or maldigestion or GI impairment due to conditions such as the following*:

- Intestinal Malabsorption (579.0-579.9)
- Regional enteritis (Crohn's Disease) (555.0-555.1)
- Ulcerative Colitis (556.0-556.9)
- Pancreatitis (577.0-577.9)
- Short bowel syndrome (579.3)
- Cystic Fibrosis (277.0)
- Cerebral Palsy (349.9)
- Celiac Disease (579.0)
- Lactose sensitivity (271.3)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection (042)
- Liver Transplant (996.82)
- Trauma (959.0-959.9)
- Sepsis (995.91)
- Burn (949.0-949.5)
- Functional digestive disorders, not elsewhere classified (564.0-564.9)
- Other and unspecified noninfectious gastroenteritis and colitis (558.1-558.9)
- Other conditions in which a peptide-based formulation would be beneficial (e.g. tube feeding-associated GI intolerance, critical illness-associated GI dysfunction, early enteral feeding, transition from TPN)

PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal provides 1 Cal/ml, while ***PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal*** is a more concentrated calorie source (1.5 kcal/ml) for those patients with higher nutrient needs or fluid limitations.

PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal / PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal is a medical food that must be used under medical supervision. This product is not sold over the counter and most pharmacies and homecare suppliers have policies that require a prescription to purchase medical foods. A prescription helps assure the supplier is providing the appropriate product and the patient is receiving medical supervision.

Your approval of this request for reimbursement of ***PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal / PediaSure Peptide 1.5 Cal*** will make a significant difference in the health of this patient.

Sincerely,

(Physician's Signature)

(Physician's Printed Name)

Enclosure(s): Prescription, Doctor's Notes and Reports, etc

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Product and Reimbursement Information for PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal

| Name | Packaging | Calories per Bottle | NDC-format Code* | HCPCS Code |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal Vanilla | 24 – 237 mL bottles | 237 | 70074-0621-20 | B4161 |
| PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal Strawberry | 24 – 237 mL bottles | 237 | 70074-0621-22 | B4161 |
| PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal Unflavored | 24 – 237 mL bottles | 237 | 70074-0621-24 | B4161 |
| PediaSure Peptide 1.0 Cal Ready-to-Hang Bottle | 8 – 1000 mL bottles | 1000 | 70074-0620-52 | B4161 |

* This letter is intended to be used as a template and customized by the physician for each patient. The list of diagnoses and ICD-9 codes contained in this letter is not all-inclusive. It is ultimately the responsibility of the health care professional/persons associated with the patient's care to determine and document the appropriate diagnosis(es) and code(s) for the patient's condition. Abbott Nutrition does not guarantee that the use of any information provided in this letter will result in coverage or payment by any third-party payer.

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