

To: _____
(Insurance Company)

Date: _____

From: _____
(Physician's Name)

SUBJECT: Request Insurance Coverage for EleCare® Nutritionally Complete Amino Acid-Based Medical Food and Infant Formula With Iron

_____ is a _____ year old patient who has been under my care for _____ years. She/He has a diagnosis of _____, which has been managed with _____. The use of an elemental medical food/infant formula such as *EleCare* is a key component of the medical management of this condition for this patient. I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement for this patient, for whom I am prescribing *EleCare*.

EleCare is specifically formulated to meet the nutritional needs of children and infants who cannot tolerate intact or hydrolyzed protein or who need an amino acid-based medical food. Conditions for which *EleCare* is indicated include maldigestion, malabsorption, severe food allergies, GI tract impairment, and other conditions in which an elemental (free amino acid-based) diet is required. One-third of the fat in *EleCare* is medium-chain triglycerides, an easily digested and well-absorbed fat source.

EleCare is hypoallergenic and well tolerated, and has been clinically shown to support growth when used as a primary source of nutrition. I believe *EleCare* is medically necessary in providing the proper dietary management of this patient.

EleCare is a medical food product and is classified by the FDA as an "exempt infant formula" that must be used under medical supervision. Most pharmacies and homecare suppliers have policies that require a prescription to purchase medical foods to assure they provide the appropriate product and are receiving ongoing medical supervision. Below are the HCPCS codes and NDC-format codes for each *EleCare* product:

Product Name	HCPCS Code	NDC-format Code (source – First Databank)
EleCare® Unflavored	B4161	70074-0546-66
EleCare® Unflavored with DHA/ARA	B4161	70074-0535-11
EleCare® Vanilla	B4161	70074-0594-06

Note: EleCare Unflavored and EleCare Unflavored with DHA/ARA are for both infants and children. EleCare Vanilla is for children age 1 year and older.

Your approval of this request for coverage and reimbursement of *EleCare* will make a significant difference in the health of this patient.

Sincerely,

(Physician's Signature)