Medicare Qualification for Home Enteral Nutrition

- Patient requires nutritional therapies via a feeding tube into the stomach or small intestine to maintain weight and strength commensurate with overall health status.

- Unable to pass food from the mouth to the stomach or small intestine, OR

- Disease of the small bowel, which impairs digestion or absorption of an oral diet

- Documentation stating length of need (LON) needs to be long and indefinite or stating a specific number of months (3mo/90days) is considered the minimum.

Additional documentation is required to support the need for:

- Feeding pump
- Specialized enteral formula

The general code categories listed below may indicate the need for nutrition support. Other codes indicating barriers to ingestion and/or absorption may also qualify. Diagnosis alone is not sufficient to qualify the patient; supporting documentation is also required.

ICD-10	Diagnosis Category	ICD-10	Diagnosis Category
C06	Malignant neoplasm of mouth	K31.84	Gastroparesis
C10	Malignant neoplasm of oropharynx	K50.	Crohn's disease
C14	Malignant neoplasm of pharynx	K51.	Ulcerative colitis
C16	Malignant neoplasm of stomach	K56.0	Paralytic ileus
C15	Malignant neoplasm of esophagus	K63.2	Fistula of intestine
C17	Malignant neoplasm of small intestine	K85.0	Idiopathic acute pancreatitis
C18	Malignant neoplasm of colon	K86.1	Other chronic pancreatitis
C25	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	K90	Intestinal malabsorption
C32	Malignant neoplasm of larynx	R13.1	Dysphagia
C53	Malignant neoplasm of cervix uteri	R63.3	Feeding difficulties
G12.21	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	S06.2	Diffuse traumatic brain injury
I63.1	Cerebral infarction	S06.9	Unspecified intracranial injury
J69.0	Pneumonitis due to inhalation of food and vomit	S36.4	Injury of small intestine
J86.0	Pyothorax with fistula	S36.5	Injury of colon
K31.1	Adult hypertrophic pyloric stenosis	T17.92	Food in respiratory tract, part unspecified

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Medicare Qualification for Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) at Home

- Requires documentation that shows TPN to be reasonable and necessary, the progress notes should tell the story about why the patient needs the TPN, what is wrong with the GI tract. Including any tests that support this and/or OP reports can be helpful

- Documentation stating why enteral nutrition is not an option

- Documentation stating length of need (LON) needs to be long and indefinite or stating a specific number of months (3mo/90days is considered the minimum)

- Provider signing the initial TPN order needs to have seen the patient in the last 30 days and needs to be PECOS registered

- Nutrition Assessment (dietitian note) with height, weight history, oral intake intolerance

- TPN formula will need to be reviewed to confirm it meets Medicare and mixing guidelines.

- Diagnoses that most often will meet for qualification include small bowel obstruction, short bowel syndrome, malabsorption, Enterocutaneous Fistula, Disease of stomach and or intestine with a motility disorder.

- Reaching out early about qualifying your patient can make the discharge process go more smoothly as we are able to get the documentation reviewed, request any additional information needed and get the patient qualified.

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ICD-10	Diagnosis Category	ICD-10	Diagnosis Category
C16	Malignant neoplasm of stomach	K56.601	Complete intestinal obstruction
C17	Malignant neoplasm of small intestine	K59.9	Functional intestinal disorder, unspecified
C18	Malignant neoplasm of colon	K63.2	Fistula of intestine
C25	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas	K65.1	Peritoneal abscess
K31.2	Gastric outlet obstruction	K63.2	Fistula of intestine
K31.84	Gastroparesis	K86.8	Pancreatic disease
K50	Crohn's disease	K91.2	Postsurgical malabsorption
K56.0	Paralytic ileus	S36.4	Injury of small intestine
K56.600	Partial intestinal obstruction	S36.5	Injury of colon