From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *(Physician Name & Subscriber Name)*

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*(Subscriber ID Number)*

To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(Insurance Provider)*

**SUBJECT: Insurance Coverage Request for Neocate® Nutra**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement for my patient, NAME, born on D.O.B., for whom I have prescribed the use of **Neocate® Nutra**, a hypoallergenic, semi-solid medical food. **INCLUDE IF APPROPRIATE: Based on this patient’s clinical history, I have determined that this amino acid-based, semi-solid product is medically necessary.**

**CHOOSE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH BASED ON PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND/OR DIAGNOSIS:**

INFANTS 6+ Months:
**Neocate® Nutra**, based on 100% free, non-allergenic amino acids, is specifically designed to help meet nutritional needs of individuals with cow milk and/or multiple food allergies who are on very restricted diets and unable to tolerate intact proteins. When prepared, **Neocate® Nutra** is the consistency of a soft cereal. As severe food allergies often result in a delayed introduction of solid foods at a time that serves as a critical milestone for oral motor skill development, **Neocate® Nutra** allows patients with food allergies to safely explore new textures and supports the development of oral motor skills. Additionally, the amino acid composition of **Neocate® Nutra** is specially designed for patients with cow milk allergy, multiple food allergies and related GI and allergic conditions. **Neocate® Nutra** is an excellent source of key nutrients for those on food elimination diets.

BEYOND INFANCY/EoE: **Neocate® Nutra**, based on 100% free, non-allergenic amino acids, is specifically designed to help meet nutritional needs of individuals with cow milk and/or multiple food allergies who are on very restricted diets and unable to tolerate intact proteins. **Neocate® Nutra** allows individuals with food allergies to incorporate textures into their restricted diets. As severe food allergies often result in a diet limited to amino acid-based formulas, the amino acid composition of **Neocate Nutra** makes it an ideal accompaniment to a hypoallergenic formula-based diet and is specifically designed for patients with cow milk allergy, multiple food allergies and related GI and allergic conditions. **Neocate® Nutra** is an excellent source of key nutrients for those on diets restricted by food allergies. **Neocate® Nutra** is also used as the viscous delivery vehicle to administer topical medication to the esophagus in the management of eosinophilic esophagitis.

At diagnosis, my patient’s weight was WEIGHT (kg) and length/height was LENGTH/HEIGHT (cm). My patient’s present weight is WEIGHT (kg) and length/height is LENGTH/HEIGHT (cm). He/She will require CALORIES kcal per day from **Neocate® Nutra**. This amount may be adjusted as his/her nutritional needs change.

**Neocate® Nutra** is indicated for children 6 months of age and over with cow milk allergy, multiple food allergies, and related GI and allergic conditions. My patient has been diagnosed with one or more of the following GI and allergic conditions, and/or potential symptoms of these conditions (check all that apply):

| **Diagnosis** **ICD-10 Code** | **Corresponding**  **Z Code**  |
| --- | --- |
| * Allergic gastroenteritis/colitis K52.2
 | * Allergy to milk products Z91.011
* Allergy to other foods Z91.018
* Other non-medicinal Z91.048substance allergy
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| * Bloody stool(s) K92.1
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| * Other allergic gastroenteritis and colitis K52.29
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| * Atopic dermatitis due to food allergy L27.2
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| * Allergic rhinitis due to food allergy J30.5
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| * Failure to thrive (newborn) P92.6
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| * Failure to thrive (non-newborn) R62.51
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| * Underweight R63.6
 | * < 5th percentile Z68.51(weight percentile)
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| * Eosinophilic esophagitis K20.0
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| * Eosinophilic gastritis or gastroenteritis K52.81
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| * Eosinophilic colitis K52.82
 |  |
| * Food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome K52.21
 |  |
| * Gastroesophageal reflux disease K21.9
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| * Malabsorption K90.0
 |  |
| * Short bowel syndrome K91.2
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| * Other, please specify :
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**Neocate® Nutra** is not a drug, but the FDA classifies **Neocate® Nutra** as a “Medical Food,” which must be used under medical supervision. Many pharmacies and homecare suppliers have policies that require a prescription to purchase **Neocate® Nutra** to ensure the appropriate product is being dispensed and the patient is receiving medical supervision. This patient’s clinical nutritional status will be monitored by a gastroenterologist, pediatrician, allergist, registered dietitian and feeding specialist (EDIT AS APPROPRIATE).

Your approval of this request for assistance with medical care and reimbursement of this medical food would have a significant positive impact on this patient’s health.

Sincerely,

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*Signature*

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*Title – Center/Hospital/Institution/Practice*

Enclosures: Current Growth Chart, Letter of Dictation, Reports, Prescription

**Product and Reimbursement Information for Neocate® Nutra**

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| **Name** | **Flavor** | **Product Code** | **Packaging** | **Calories per Can** | **Yield per can\*** | **NDC-format Code**† | **HCPCS Code** |
| **Neocate® Nutra** | Unflavored | 66739 | 4 x 400 g (14.1 oz) | 1888 | ~10 suggested servings (175 kcal)~21 half servings (88 kcal) | 49735-0167-39 | B4161 |

\**Based on preparation instructions for suggested serving size: 8 scoops + 2 fl oz water*

† *Nutricia North America does not represent these codes to be National Drug Codes (NDCs). NDC-format codes are product codes adjusted according to standard industry practice to meet the format requirements of pharmacy and health insurance systems.*

**\*\***This letter is intended to be used as a template and customized by the clinician for each patient. The list of diagnoses and ICD-10 codes contained in this letter is not all-inclusive. It is ultimately the responsibility of the healthcare professionals associated with the patient's care to determine and document the appropriate diagnosis(es) and code(s) for the patient's condition(s). Nutricia does not guarantee that the use of any information provided in this letter will result in coverage or payment by any third-party payer.