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

*(Physician Name & Subscriber Name)*

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*(Subscriber ID Number)*

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

*(Insurance Provider)*

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

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® Splash**, a ready-to-feed, amino acid-based formula (manufactured by N.V. Nutricia, distributed by Nutricia North America). **Based on this patient’s clinical history, I have determined that this formula is medically necessary. INCLUDE IF APPROPRIATE:** Neocate Splash will be his/her sole source of nutrition.

My patient has been diagnosed with one or more of the following:  
**Diagnosis ICD – 10 Code**

□ Bloody stool(s) K92.1

□ Allergic and dietetic gastroenteritis and colitis K52.2

□ Other allergic gastroenteritis and colitis K52.29

□ Atopic dermatitis due to food allergy L27.2

□ Allergic rhinitis due to food allergy J30.5

□ Gastroesophageal reflux disease K21.9

□ Malabsorption K90.9

□ Short bowel syndrome K91.2

□ Failure to thrive (newborn) P92.6

□ Failure to thrive (non-newborn) R62.51

□ Eosinophilic esophagitis K20.0

□ Eosinophilic gastritis or gastroenteritis K52.81

□ Eosinophilic colitis K52.82

□ Food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome K52.21

□ Underweight R63.6 \*(add “Z” code for weight percentile – see last page)

At diagnosis, my patient’s weight was WEIGHT (kg) and height was HEIGHT (cm). His/her current weight is WEIGHT (kg) and height is HEIGHT (cm). He/She will require CALORIES kcal per day or FLUID OUNCES fl oz per day of **Neocate Splash**. This amount may be adjusted as his/her nutritional needs change.

PATIENT has previously been managed with FORMULA(s) (list) which has/have proven ineffective.

PATIENT’s symptoms requiring **Neocate Splash** were/are (list) (e.g., bloody stools, vomiting, reflux, diarrhea, slow weight gain).

**Neocate Splash** (based on 100% free, non-allergenic amino acids) provides supplemental or complete nutrition. **Neocate Splash** can be taken orally or through an enteral feeding tube. In this case it will be administered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Neocate Splash** is not a drug, but the FDA classifies **Neocate Splash** 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 Splash** 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, registered dietitian and feeding specialist (EDIT AS APPROPRIATE).

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

(*Please see last page for the product and reimbursement codes*)

**Neocate Splash:** *Circle flavor(s)*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Flavor | HCPCS Code | Reimbursement Code\* | Calories per Box | Packaging |
| Unflavored | B4161 | 49735-0144-51 | 237 | 27 x 237 ml (8 fl oz) |
| Grape | B4161 | 49735-0124-35 | 237 | 27 x 237 ml (8 fl oz) |
| Orange-Pineapple | B4161 | 49735-0124-36 | 237 | 27 x 237 ml (8 fl oz) |
| Tropical Fruit | B4161 | 49735-0124-37 | 237 | 27 x 237 ml (8 fl oz) |

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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 health.

Sincerely,

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*Signature*

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*Name*

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*Title*

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*Title – Center/Hospital/Institution/Practice*

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

**Product and Reimbursement Information for Neocate Splash**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Flavor** | **Product Code** | **Packaging** | **Calories per Box** | **Reimbursement Code**\* | **HCPCS Code** |
| Unflavored | 84451 | 27 x 237 mL (8 fl oz) | 237 | 49735-0144-51 | B4161 |
| Grape | 122435 | 27 x 237 mL (8 fl oz) | 237 | 49735-0124-35 | B4161 |
| Orange-Pineapple | 122436 | 27 x 237 mL (8 fl oz) | 237 | 49735-0124-36 | B4161 |
| Tropical Fruit | 122437 | 27 x 237 mL (8 fl oz) | 237 | 49735-0124-37 | B4161 |

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**ICD-10 Codes and corresponding Z codes**

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| **ICD-10 Code** | **Z codes** |
| Allergic Gastroenteritis/Colitis K52.2 | Allergy to milk products Z91.011  Allergy to other foods Z91.018  Other non-medicinal substance allergy Z91.048 |
| Underweight R63.6 | < 5th percentile Z68.51  5th percentile to < 85th percentile Z68.52  85th percentile to 95th percentile Z68.53  ≥ 95th percentile for age Z68.54 |

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