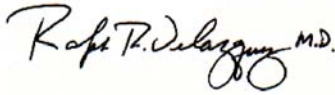




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<b>Policy</b>		
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**POLICY:** It is the policy of OSF HealthPlans to cover enteral feedings through a feeding tube if it is the main source of nutrition.

**PURPOSE:** To promote consistent coverage of patients needing enteral feedings.

### PROCEDURE:

1. The physician must call in a request for enteral feedings.
2. There must be documentation stating **one** of the following:
  - a. Does the patient have permanent non-function or disease of the structures that normally permit food to reach or be absorbed from the small bowel?
  - b. Does the patient require tube feedings to provide sufficient nutrients to maintain weight and strength commensurate with the patients overall health status?
  - c. Does the total caloric intake equal 20-35 cal/kg/day?
  - d. Does the patient have a documented allergy or intolerance to semi-synthetic nutrients?
3. How will the enteral nutrition be administered?
  - A. Syringe/gravity/pump (If a pump is ordered, there must be documentation to justify its use.) Documentation such as: gravity feeding is not satisfactory due to reflux and/or aspiration, severe diarrhea, dumping syndrome, administration rate less than 100ml/hr, blood glucose fluctuations, circulatory overload. (If the medical necessity of the pump is not documented, the pump will be denied as not medically necessary.)
  - B. According to the following Public Act 095-0520 by the Illinois General Assembly:  
 Sec. 356.z.9. Amino acid-based elemental formulas.  
 A group or individual major medical accident and health insurance policy or managed care plan amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly must provide coverage and reimbursement for amino acid-based elemental formulas, regardless of delivery method, for the diagnosis and treatment of (i) eosinophilic disorders and (ii) short bowel syndrome when the prescribing physician has issued a written order stating the amino acid-based elemental formula is medically necessary.

4. The feedings, pump, and supplies must be ordered through a participating provider.
5. An authorization will be entered into the Facets system.
6. The member will be followed through case management. When the member's oral intake increases or the feeding tube is discontinued, OSF HealthPlans will no longer cover the feedings and pump.

OSF HealthPlans is using the same guidelines as used by Franciscan Home Therapeutics to promote consistency within the OSF HealthCare System.