Children's Hospital and Health System Chorus Community Health Plans Policy and Procedure

This policy applies to the following entity(s):	
CHW – Milwaukee	CHW - Fox Valley
CHHS Foundation	CHW - Surgicenter
CHW – Community Services Division	Chorus Community Health Plans
Children's Medical Group - Primary Care	Children's Specialty Group
Children's Medical Group - Urgent Care	CHHS Corporate Departments

Medical Utilization Management Policy

SUBJECT: ENTERAL NUTRITION PRODUCTS

INCLUDED PRODUCT(S):

Medicaid	Individual and Family
⊠ BadgerCare Plus	⊠ Commercial
⊠ Care4Kids Program	⊠ Marketplace

PURPOSE OR DESCRIPTION:

This policy outlines how CCHP determines when an authorization request for enteral nutrition is considered medically necessary.

POLICY:

- 1 CCHP will determine the medical necessity of enteral nutrition products by **EITHER**:
 - a. Using the criteria of ForwardHealth's coverage policies for enteral nutrition. This includes the most recently published ForwardHealth Policy and the online handbook¹ and 2.. **OR**
 - b. Using CCHP's Medical Necessity Medical UM Policy when the clinical conditions are not adequately addressed by the ForwardHealth Policy
- 2 In addition, in order to assure the need for enteral nutrition is current, CCHP will require:
 - a. Documentation of a recent face to face clinical evaluation with the prescribing physician or APP.
 - i. A dietician's or nutritionist's evaluation will suffice if working under the direction of the prescribing practitioner.

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- ii. The evaluation must have occurred recently enough to consider it applicable throughout the time period the enteral nutrition product is expected to be needed according to the authorization request.
- b. Documentation the enteral nutrition product has been prescribed (or renewed) by the supervising practitioner within 3 months of the onset of the time period the enteral nutrition product is expected to be needed according to the authorization request.

REFERENCES

- 1. ForwardHealth Update: Enteral Nutrition Products Policy. October 2012. No. 2012-57

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