

June 25, 2025

Authorization Department

Re: Henry R Feeser

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my patient, Henry R Feeser. The patient is a 86-year-old end stage renal disease patient, currently on Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis (CCPD), suffering from severe protein-energy malnutrition. Medical history includes hypertension, diabetes, and anemia.

Henry R Feeser's malnutrition has been manifested by a low body weight, low protein intake, and a chronically low albumin level. The patient is 69 inches and weighs 64 kg. The patient's current BMI is 20.89 kg/m². The patient is at 88% of their ideal body weight. The patient's albumin has averaged below 3.5 g/dL over the last three months, with a current albumin of 3.2 g/dL. The patient has a current normalized protein nitrogen appearance (nPNA) of 0.79 g/kg/d, indicating severe protein-energy malnutrition.

Henry R Feeser has been counseled extensively, by the Renal Dietitian, on adequate protein and energy intake. The patient follows a liberalized diet as much as possible and has attempted to increase their consumption of foods rich in high biological value protein. The patient has attempted to use a calorically dense, protein-fortified oral supplement over the past several months without significant improvement in their nutritional status.

Henry R Feeser's low body weight, low protein intake, and hypoalbuminemia increase their risk of adverse outcomes. The reason for their malnourishment is not due to a clinical malabsorptive state. The patient is not a candidate for a feeding tube due to their ability to swallow food and liquids, and permanent placement of a feeding tube access is contraindicated in patients receiving peritoneal dialysis. The severity of the patient's malnutrition calls for a non-invasive therapy. At this time, it is medically necessary to infuse the Intraperitoneal Nutrition (IPN) directly into the peritoneum by utilizing the patient's existing peritoneal dialysis catheter.

As with most dialysis patients, Henry R Feeser's fluid intake is limited. For this reason, I am requesting a formulation of IPN that uses 20% amino acids to provide the maximum amounts of the required amino acids while minimizing the volume infused.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Taryn Turner, DO