

Date: _____

To: _____
(Insurance Company)

From: _____
(Physician's Name)

SUBJECT: Request Insurance Coverage for *Juven*[®] Therapeutic Nutrition Drink Mix

_____ is a _____ year old patient who has been under my care for _____ years. She/He has a diagnosis of _____, which has been managed with _____. The use of a modular medical food such as *Juven* is a key component of the medical management of this condition for this patient. I am ordering _____ of *Juven* for a period of _____ and am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement for this patient.

Juven is specifically formulated to support healing of acute and chronic wounds, and to help build lean body mass in patients with HIV/AIDS and cancer. Two servings per day are recommended in addition to a complete and balanced diet.

Juven contains a patented blend of arginine, glutamine, and HMB (beta-hydroxy-beta-methylbutyrate). Arginine is important for wound healing, immune system activation, and the support of protein synthesis. Glutamine is the primary fuel source for immune and intestinal cells and supports protein synthesis; it also stimulates collagen synthesis, a key step in wound healing. HMB helps build lean body mass by minimizing protein loss from muscle during times of stress. *Juven* has been clinically shown to help build and maintain lean body mass^{1,2}, improve immune status¹ and promote collagen synthesis³.

Juven is a medical food product that must be used under medical supervision. Most pharmacies and homecare suppliers have policies that require a prescription to purchase medical foods to assure they provide the appropriate product and are receiving ongoing medical supervision. The HCPCS code for *Juven* is B4155. The NDC-format codes are 59781-0225-50 for 30 Orange Packets/Case and 59781-0208-64 for 30 Grape Packets/Case. (source - First Databank).

Your approval of this request for coverage and reimbursement of *Juven* will make a significant difference in the health of this patient.

Sincerely,

(Physician's Signature)

References:

- 1) Clark RH et al. Nutritional treatment for acquired immunodeficiency virus-associated wasting using β -hydroxy- β -methyl butyrate, glutamine and arginine: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study. *Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition* 2000;24:133-139.
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