

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insurance Company)

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

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's Name)

**SUBJECT: Request Insurance Coverage for *Vital jr.*<sup>®</sup> Therapeutic Semi-Elemental Nutrition for Children**

\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_-year-old patient who has been under my care for \_\_\_\_\_ months/years. She/He has a diagnosis of \_\_\_\_\_, which has been managed with \_\_\_\_\_. The use of a semi-elemental medical food such as *Vital jr.* is a key component of the medical management of this condition for this patient. I am requesting insurance coverage and reimbursement for this patient, for whom I am prescribing *Vital jr.*

*Vital jr.* is specifically formulated to meet the nutritional needs of children 1 to 13 years of age with maldigestion, malabsorption, and other gastrointestinal conditions when hydrolyzed protein is indicated. *Vital jr.* is indicated for children who do not tolerate intact protein or who need a partially hydrolyzed protein, semi-elemental-based medical food. The fat source in *Vital jr.* is composed of 50% medium-chain triglycerides plus structured lipids for enhanced fat absorption.

*Vital jr.* meets or exceeds 100% of the DRIs for protein, vitamins, and minerals in 1000 calories for children 1 to 8 years old and in 1500 calories for children 9 to 13 years old.

*Vital jr.* 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. Below are the HCPCS codes and NDC-format codes for each *Vital jr.* product.

Product Name	HCPCS	NDC-format Code (source-First Databank)
Vital jr. Unflavored, 8-fl-oz bottles	B4161	70074-0563-83
Vital jr. Vanilla, 8-fl-oz bottles	B4161	70074-0563-90
Vital jr. Strawberry, 8-fl-oz bottles	B4161	70074-0563-92

Abbott Nutrition has submitted for NDC-format codes. While the publishing of these NDC-format codes cannot be confirmed, the NDC-format codes are listed based on the data warehouse format of such codes.

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

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's Signature)