Date:

Regarding:  PT NAME

Date of birth:

Associated insurance number:

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been asked to submit a letter explaining *CHILD’S NAME* medical condition and their need for the special medical food Portagen (Mead Johnson Nutritionals, Evansville, Indiana—NDC 0087-038701).

This child has long-chain hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (LCHAD) deficiency (ICD.10 E71.310), which is a metabolic disorder that impairs the breakdown of long-chain fatty acids to medium chain fatty acids. This diagnosis was confirmed by DNA testing. People with this condition can develop liver failure, low blood sugars, cardiomyopathy or cardiac arrest if not treated. This disease is further aggravated by fasting or infections in which fatty acids become the main metabolic fuel for the body.

Therapy for this condition consists in reducing the intake of long-chain fats with the majority of the fatty acids deriving from medium chain triglycerides, since they can be utilized normally by people with LCHAD deficiency. This therapy needs to be continued for life.

Enfaport is a medical food designed for children with defects in the hydrolysis of long-chain fat. 83% of the fat is derived from medium chain triglycerides. This therapy is the standard of care for LCHAD deficiency and other disorders of long-chain fatty acid oxidation. Without this therapy, the child will become sick, develop hypoglycemia, seizures and possible brain damage, require hospitalizations, and possibly die.

LCHAD is a very serious metabolic disorder that needs lifetime treatment.

We ask that your company cover the cost of Portagen for this child to prevent sickness and irreversible damage.

Feel free to contact us at CLINIC NAME/PHONE NUMBER if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,