



CIRCULAR

Reference: Medical Nutrition Therapy PMB definition
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Circular 68 of 2021: Call for comments on Medical Nutrition Therapy PMB Definition guideline

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) is calling for stakeholder comments on the published PMB definition guideline: [Medical Nutrition Therapy](#) (MNT) for PMB conditions (adults and paediatrics) Version 1.

Managing certain conditions under the current PMB Regulations require prospective clarification in terms of benefit entitlement. The benefit definition process seeks to provide transparency to stakeholders and medical scheme members.

The process for this Benefit Definition for PMB Level of Care for MNT is outlined below:



Submissions on the benefits definition guideline for PMB definition guideline: Medical Nutrition Therapy for PMB conditions (adults and paediatrics) should be sent to pmbprojects@medicalschemes.co.za

All stakeholders' groups who would like to be part of the Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC) should email their nominees' CVs to pmbprojects@medicalschemes.co.za. The committee will consider all submissions received and propose recommendations regarding the basket benefits and care for funding regarding medical nutrition therapy.

Please note the following important dates:

CAC Nominee(s) CV due date	Stakeholder submissions due:	CAC Meeting
03 Jan 2022	18 January 2022	15 February 2022



Dr Siphon Kabane
Chief Executive and Registrar
Council for Medical Schemes

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY (MNT)

Please provide separate submissions for early and metastatic disease for each of the conditions where applicable

Diagnosis basket

PMB Conditions for which MNT is treatment
Universal entry criteria for MNT
Routes of MNT delivery
Universal exit criteria for MNT
Exclusions

Treatment options – if treatment options depend on the stage of the disease, please specify this.

Nutrition-related PMB level of care for PMB Conditions
Medical Nutrition products in the management of inborn errors of metabolism – specify those not on the National Tender List
Specialist products for select patient sub-groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry criteria for use of product• Exit Criteria for use of product

Best supportive care

Include any best supportive interventions that are specific to Medical Nutrition Therapy

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION FOR SINGLE INTERVENTIONS
COMPLETE THE RELEVANT SECTIONS APPLICABLE

Name of product / device / intervention	
Indication	
Mechanism of action	
Clinical evidence available (Yes or No)	
Is clinical evidence from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - head-to-head randomised controlled trials - from an indirect and/or mixed treatment comparison - Nonrandomised studies 	
Acquisition costs of intervention	
Method of administration	
Frequency of use	
Average length of treatment	
Average cost of treatment	
Any additional tests or investigations needed for patient selection	
Any costs for monitoring patients	
Any supportive therapies that should be administered with the specific technology	
Please give any therapies that are needed to manage any adverse reactions	

Any other comments

- Please supply any costing studies done in the South African context if available.
- Please do not attach any clinical trials to the submissions. However, they should be made available on request.