Date:

Insurance Company:

Insurance Company Address:

Patient’s Name & DOB:

Patient Insurance ID:

To Whom It May Concern:

[ENTER PATIENT'S NAME] is diagnosed with a pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency or pyruvate dehydrogenase complex deficiency (PDCD) (ICD.9.277.89) and is an Inborn Error of Metabolism. PDCD is one of the most common neurodegenerative disease of mitochondrial metabolism. Impairment of carbohydrate metabolism leads to a buildup of lactic acid in the body and damage to the central nervous system. Neurological symptoms including seizures, movement disorders, speech and language disorders, cognitive impairment and developmental delay are common. Currently there are no medications that treat PDCD.

Standard treatment for PDCD is ketogenic diet therapy. Ketogenic therapy is a high fat, extremely low carbohydrate diet prescribed by a physician meant to put the body into a state of ketosis. Ketosis occurs when the body is utilizing fat as a primary fuel source in the place of glucose. Ketones are able to be metabolized as an alternative fuel source and avoids the damaging build-up of lactic acid occurring from the impaired carbohydrate metabolism.

KetoVie Peptide *4:1* is a specialized ketogenic medical food, comprising of a 4 to 1 fat to non-fat grams ketogenic ratio. This ratio is effective in achieving the desired level of ketosis for treatment of PDCD. KetoVie Peptide *4:1* additionally contains medium chain triglycerides (MCTs) which are directly absorbed in the intestines and processed more efficiently into ketones than long chain triglycerides (LCTs.) MCTs help the body reach the desired level of ketosis as well as regulating bowels. The protein source in KetoVie Peptide *4:1* is 100% enzymatically hydrolyzed whey to support patients with intolerance to whole protein sources, receiving nutrition via feeding tubes, and needing ketogenic therapy in critical care situations.

We are requesting insurance coverage/reimbursement for [ENTER PATIENT'S NAME] who has been prescribed KetoVie Peptide *4:1* as a ketogenic therapy, the standard treatment for PDCD. KetoVie Peptide *4:1* is dispensed by prescription only.

Reimbursement Code for KetoVie Peptide *4:1* is: Pediatric: B4161 Adults: B4153

Sincerely,

[ENTER NAME OF PHYSICIAN OR DIETITIAN]

[ENTER TITLE]

[ENTER INSTITUTION NAME]