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Good Day Chairmen, Committee Members, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have an eight year old student who had major gastroenterological surgery during his infancy. He has significant food allergies and intolerances secondary to his primary diagnosis. Amino acids are the building blocks of protein and the ingredients in Neocate are present in their simplest and purest form so that they are easier for the body to process and digest as well as non-allergenic and nutritionally complete.

This patient is one of many children who have problems absorbing nutrients including fats, salt, protein and carbohydrates from food. It is a vital treatment for children with various gastrointestinal maladies. It is so critical to the patients, that it should be treated as a medication fully covered by any insurance company. For some students, it is their only source of nutrition. Insurance companies need to reassess the importance of nutritional supplements in view of the crucial role they play in the quality of life of the patients.

Sincerely,



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