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Health Insurance Reimbursement

Some health insurance companies consider the cost of the Nutrisystem program to be a reimbursable expense provided certain conditions are met. You may be eligible to receive a full or partial reimbursement for the cost of your Nutrisystem program from your health insurance provider. To determine eligibility we recommend you follow these steps:

1. Ask your doctor to complete the letter of medical necessity attached. Please complete only one of the letters: the Nutrisystem D Letter (diabetic program only) or the Nutrisystem Program Letter (any non-diabetic program).
2. Attach a copy of each Nutrisystem packing slip. The packing slip comes in your Nutrisystem food box and shows both the program type (ex: Nutrisystem Women's Plan) and the price.
3. Submit the signed letter of medical necessity along with your packing slip(s) to your health insurance provider for reimbursement.

Flexible Spending Account (FSA) & Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

The cost of a weight loss program, when prescribed your physician to treat a diagnosed medical condition such as obesity, hypertension or diabetes, is a reimbursable FSA or HRA expense according to the IRS. Many plan administrators consider the Nutrisystem weight loss program to be a qualified expense under these guidelines. By following the claim process below, you can submit the cost of your Nutrisystem program to your plan administrator for reimbursement.

Claim Process for FSA / HRA

1. Ask your doctor to complete the letter of medical necessity attached. Please complete only one of the letters: the Nutrisystem D Letter (diabetic program only) or the Nutrisystem Program Letter (any non-diabetic program).
2. Fill out a FSA / HRA claim form provided by your plan administrator or HR department.
3. Attach a copy of each Nutrisystem packing slip. The packing slip comes in your Nutrisystem food box and shows both the program type (ex: Nutrisystem Women's Plan) and the price.
4. Submit the signed letter of medical necessity along with the claim form and packing slip(s) to your FSA / HAS administrator for reimbursement. Eligibility for reimbursement of the cost of the Nutrisystem program is at the sole discretion of your plan administrator.

Please note: Nutrisystem does not accept FSA debit cards at this time. Please follow the claim process outlined above to submit your Nutrisystem program expense for reimbursement.

Health Savings Accounts (HSA)

A Health Savings Account (HSA) is a tax-advantaged savings account used solely by individuals enrolled in a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) to pay for qualified medical expenses. Expenses paid for weight loss programs, when prescribed by your physician to treat a diagnosed medical condition, are reimbursable. A signed letter of medical necessity (attached) and each of your Nutrisystem program packing slips (found in the box) are required for your records. Please complete only one of the letters: the Nutrisystem D Letter (diabetic program only) or the Nutrisystem Program Letter (any non-diabetic program).

**LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY
WEIGHT LOSS: NUTRISYSTEM® D™ PROGRAM¹**

This letter serves as a prescription and letter of medical necessity for the patient referenced below currently being treated for type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes, and being overweight or obese.

To be filled out by patient:

Patient Name _____	Sex _____	DOB _____
Address _____		Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____		SS# _____
Physician _____	Phone _____	Fax _____

To be filled out by physician regarding patient listed above:

DATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BMI	BMI Weight Class ² (check one)
				<input type="checkbox"/> Normal (18.5 – 24.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Overweight/ Pre-obese (25.0 – 29.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Obese (30.0 – 39.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Obese (40.0+)

Physician Order: I refer this patient to be on the Nutrisystem D weight loss program.

Diagnoses^{3 4} (check **all** that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Congestive Heart Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypercholesterolemia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morbid Obesity | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Apnea | <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Atherosclerosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertriglyceridemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired Glucose Tolerance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Hyperlipidemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list): _____ |

Physician Comments _____	
Physician Signature _____	Date _____

THANK YOU!

Patient should keep this letter for tax purposes for proof necessary for reimbursement under a Flexible Spending Account, Health Reimbursement Account, or Health Insurance Coverage Plan.

¹ Foster GD, et al. The effects of a commercially available weight loss program among obese patients with type 2 diabetes: a randomized study. Postgrad Med. 2009 Sep;121(5):113-8.

² The International Classification of adult underweight, overweight and obesity according to BMI. WHO 2004.

³ NIH. Clinical Guidelines on the identification, evaluation, and treatment of overweight and obesity in adults – the evidence report. Obes Res. 1998;6:51S-209S.

⁴ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9).

**LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY
WEIGHT LOSS: NUTRISYSTEM® PROGRAM**

This letter serves as a prescription and letter of medical necessity for the patient referenced below currently being treated for obesity or overweight with one or more health consequences and related co-morbidities.

To be filled out by patient:

Patient Name _____	Sex _____	DOB _____
Address _____		Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____		SS# _____
Physician _____	Phone _____	Fax _____

To be filled out by physician regarding patient listed above:

DATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	BMI	BMI Weight Class ¹ (check one)
				<input type="checkbox"/> Normal (18.5 – 24.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Overweight/ Pre-obese (25.0 – 29.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Obese (30.0 – 39.9) <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Obese (40.0+)

Physician Order: I refer this patient to be on the Nutrisystem weight loss program.

Diagnoses ²³ (check **all** that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Congestive Heart Failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Obesity	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypercholesterolemia
<input type="checkbox"/> Morbid Obesity	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Apnea	<input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Atherosclerosis
<input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypertriglyceridemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Impaired Glucose Tolerance
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Hyperlipidemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list): _____

Physician
Comments _____

Physician Signature _____ Date _____

THANK YOU!

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