

MALABSORPTION AND NUTRITION GUIDE

The current rating ladder turns on objective nutritional consequences, not bowel frequency alone.



WHAT TO DOCUMENT

DIGESTIVE CLAIM FILE

30%

No nutritional deficiencies

Chronic diarrhea is managed by a medically prescribed diet without nutritional deficiencies.

50%

Deficiencies plus systemic findings

Document laboratory deficits, pancreatic or lactase insufficiency, and systemic manifestations or villous atrophy.

80%

Wasting and activity limits

Show weight loss causing wasting, anemia, systemic effects, and weakness interfering with daily activities.

COMPARE

DC 7328 note

When malabsorption is predominant, use the greater evaluation between DC 7328 and DC 7355.

