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Physician Certification Statement for Non-Emergency Ambulance Services

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Patient's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Transport Date: _____

Medicare#: _____ Medicaid #: _____

Origin:_____ Destination: _____

Is the pt's stay covered under Medicare Part A (PPS/DRG?) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the destination within the same locality as the origin or to the closest appropriate facility? ☐ YES ☐ NO If neither, why is transport to a more distant facility necessary? _____

If hosp-hosp transfer, describe services needed at 2nd facility not available at 1st facility:_____

If hospice pt, is this transport related to pt's terminal illness? ☐ YES ☐ NO Describe: _____

SECTION II - MEDICAL NECESSITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Ambulance Transportation is medically necessary only if other means of transport are contraindicated or would be potentially harmful to the patient. To meet this requirement, the patient must be either "bed confined" or suffer from a condition such that transport by means other than ambulance is contraindicated by the patient's condition.

The following questions must be answered by the medical professional signing below for this form to be valid:

1) Describe the MEDICAL CONDITION (physical and/or mental) of this patient AT THE TIME OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORT that requires the patient to be transported in an ambulance and why transport by other means is contraindicated by the patient's condition:

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2) Is this patient "bed confined" as defined below? ☐ YES ☐ NO

To be "bed confined" the patient must satisfy all three of the following conditions: (1) *unable* to get up from bed without assistance; AND (2) *unable* to ambulate; AND (3) *unable* to sit in a chair or wheelchair

3) Can this patient safely be transported by car or wheelchair van (i.e., seated during transport, without a medical attendant or monitoring?) ☐ YES ☐ NO

4) ***In addition*** to completing questions 1-3 above, please check any of the following conditions that apply*:

☐ Contractures
☐ Non-healed fractures
☐ Patient is confused
☐ Patient is comatose
☐ Moderate/severe pain on movement
☐ Danger to self/other
☐ IV meds/fluids require
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☐ Need or possible need for restraints
☐ DVT requires elevation of a lower extremity
☐ Medical attendant required
☐ Requires oxygen - unable to self administer
☐ Special handling/isolation/infection control precautions required
☐ Unable to tolerate seated position for time needed to transport
☐ Hemodynamic monitoring required enroute
☐ Unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair due to decubitus ulcers or other wounds
☐ Cardiac monitoring required enroute
☐ Morbid obesity requires additional personnel/ equipment to safely handle patient
☐ Orthopedic device (backboard, halo, pins, traction, brace, wedge, etc.) requiring special handling during transport

**Note: supporting documentation for any boxes checked must be maintained in the patient's medical records*

☐ Other __

SECTION III - SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

I certify that the above information is true and correct based on my evaluation of this patient, and represent that the patient requires transport by ambulance and that other forms of transport are contraindicated. I understand that this information will be used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to support the determination of medical necessity for ambulance services, and I represent that I have personal knowledge of the patient's condition at the time of transport.

☐ **If this box is checked,** I also certify that the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing the ambulance service's claim and that the institution with which I am affiliated has furnished care, services or assistance to the patient. My signature below is made on behalf of the patient pursuantto42 CFR §424.36(b) (4). In accordance with 42CFR §424.37, ***the specific reason(s) that the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing the claim form is as follows:***

_____ _____

Signature of Physician* or Healthcare Professional — Date Signed

(For scheduled repetitive transport, this form is not valid for transports performed more than 60 days after this date.)

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Printed Name and Credentials of Physician or Healthcare Professional (MD, DO, RN, etc)

**Form must be signed only by patient's attending physician for scheduled, repetitive transports. For nonrepetitive, unscheduled ambulance transports, if unable to obtain the signature of the attending physician, any of the following may sign (please check appropriate box below):*

Medicare: (Only those listed may complete form)
☐ Physician Assistant ☐ Clinical Nurse Specialist
☐ Nurse Practitioner ☐ Discharge Planner
☐ Registered Nurse

Medicaid: (any of the previous plus those listed below)
☐ Physician Assistant ☐ Clinical Nurse Specialist ☐ Case Worker
☐ Nurse Practitioner ☐ Discharge Planner
☐ Registered Nurse ☐ Licensed Practical Nurse