

Physician Certification Statement for Non-Emergency Ambulance Services – Version 1.6

**SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION**

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transport Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (PCS is valid for round trips on this date and for all repetitive trips in the 60-day range as noted below.)  
 Origin: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the pt's stay covered under Medicare Part A (PPS/DRG)?  YES  NO  
 Closest appropriate facility?  YES  NO If no, why is transport to more distant facility required? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 If hosp-hosp transfer, describe services needed at 2<sup>nd</sup> facility not available at 1<sup>st</sup> 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\*:  
 \*Note: supporting documentation for any boxes checked must be maintained in the patient's medical records
- Contractures       Non-healed fractures       Patient is confused       Patient is comatose       Moderate/severe pain on movement  
 Danger to self/other       IV meds/fluids required       Patient is combative       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  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**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 pursuant to 42 CFR §424.36(b)(4). In accordance with 42 CFR §424.37, the specific reason(s) that the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing the claim form is as follows:  
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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).

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 non-repetitive, unscheduled ambulance transports, if unable to obtain the signature of the attending physician, any of the following may sign (please check appropriate box below):

Physician Assistant       Clinical Nurse Specialist       Registered Nurse  
 Nurse Practitioner       Discharge Planner