

Physician Certification Statement for Non-Emergency Ambulance Services

SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION

Patient's Name: _____ Transport Date: _____ (PCS is valid for round trips on
Date of Birth: _____ this date and for all repetitive trips in the 60-day range as noted below.)

Origin: _____ Destination: _____

Closest appropriate facility? YES NO If no, why is transport to more distant facility required? _____

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

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) 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
- 2) Can this patient safely be transported by car or wheelchair van as defined below? Yes No
(i.e., seated during transport, without a medical attendant or monitoring?)
- 3) Describe the MEDICAL CONDITION (physical and/or mental such as contractures, fractures muscle weakness) 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:

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 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

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.

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