LifeLine AMBULANCE DRIVEN BY CARE

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For Non-Emergency Transports Only

Physician Certification Statement (PCS) for Ambulance Transport

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE - COMPLETE THIS FORM AND PROVIDE IT TO THE APPROPRIATE AMBULANCE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

IMPORTANT: A patient is only eligible for ambulance transportation if, at the time of transport, he or she is **unable** to travel **safely** in a personal vehicle, taxi, or wheelchair van. Ambulance transport requests that are for the patient's preference, or because assistance is needed at the origin or destination (to navigate stairs and/or to assist or lift the patient), and/or because another provider with the appropriate type of service is not immediately available ***does not meet criteria*** and ***will not be eligible for reimbursement***. Service must be to the nearest available appropriate provider/facility. ***All fields on this form are mandatory and must be legible***.

PATIENT INFORMATION: Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Medicare Beneficiary Identification (MBI) Number : _____ Medicaid Recipient Identification Number (RIN): _____

Commercial Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____ Insured ID: _____

Patient's medical reasoning for Ambulance Transport: _____

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TRANSPORT INFORMATION: Type: ☐ Discharge to Home or Nursing Facility ☐ Direct Admit to Hospital ☐ Appointment

Is this destination the closest appropriate provider/facility? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If no, why is transport beyond the closest appropriate provider/facility? _____

If no, the closest appropriate provider/facility is (name): _____

Is this patient's stay covered under Medicare Part A (PPS/DRG)? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

Is this a transport to another facility for services not available at the originating facility? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ORIGINATING FACILITY (Spell out - no abbreviations):

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DESTINATION (Spell out - no abbreviations):

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If an inter-hospital transfer, is it for: ☐ Higher level of care? ☐ Services not available at the originating hospital? Services needed but not available are:

☐ Cardiac ☐ Trauma ☐ Surgical ☐ Hyperbaric ☐ Burn Unit ☐ Inpatient Dialysis ☐ Inpatient Psychiatric ☐ Stroke Center ☐ Neurology ☐ Pediatrics

☐ No Bed Available ☐ Other (specify): _____

☐ Services are available at the originating hospital, but inter-hospital transport was requested due to: ☐ Patient Request ☐ Insurance Requirement

MEDICAL NECESSITY FOR AMBULANCE - COMPLETE ALL THAT APPLY TO PATIENT:

☐ 1. **Is the patient "bed confined"?** To be "bed confined", the patient must be unable to get up from bed without assistance, unable to ambulate and unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair.

☐ **2. Isolation Precautions.** The patient has a diagnosed or suspected communicable disease or hazardous material exposure and must be isolated from the public, or has a medical condition and must be protected from public exposure.

☐ **3. Oxygen.** The patient requires the administration of supplemental oxygen by a third party assistant/attendant, or that the patient requires the regulation or adjustment of oxygen prior to and during transport, and is expected to require the treatment after transport.

☐ **4. Ventilation/Advanced Airway Management.** The patient requires advanced continuous airway management by means of an artificial airway through tracheal intubation (nasotracheal tube, orotracheal tube, or tracheostomy tube) prior to and during transport, and is expected to require the treatment after transport.

☐ **5. Suctioning.** The patient requires suctioning to maintain their airway, or the patient requires assisted ventilation and/or apnea monitoring, prior to and during transport, and is expected to require the treatment after transport.

☐ **6. Intravenous Fluids.** The patient requires the administration of ongoing intravenous fluids prior to and during transport and is expected to require the treatment after transport.

☐ **7. Chemical Restraints or Physical Restraints.**

☐ Chemical Restraints - The patient requires the administration of a chemical restraint during transport, or is under the influence of a previously-administered chemical restraint prior to transport, and the chemical restraint is for the explicit purpose of reducing a patient's functional capacity.

☐ Physical Restraint - The patient requires physical restraints that are required prior to transport and which are maintained for the duration of transport.

☐ **8. One-On-One Supervision.** The patient requires one-on-one supervision due to a condition that places the patient and/or others at a risk of harm for the duration of the transport.

☐ Elopement Risk ☐ Danger to Self or Others **a.** ☐ Dementia/Alzheimers with altered mental states

☐ **9. Specialized Monitoring.** The patient requires cardiac and/or respiratory monitoring, or hemodynamic monitoring, prior to, during and after transport.

☐ **10. Special Handling/Positioning.** The patient requires specialized handling for the purpose of positioning during transport due to: ☐ Decubitus Ulcers on the (location):

☐ Buttocks ☐ Coccyx ☐ Hip with (stage): ☐ Stage 3 ☐ Stage 4 and/or **b.** contractures, specify: _____

☐ **11. Clinical Observation.** The patient requires clinical observation due to: _____

☐ **12. Unable to maintain a safe sitting position for the length of the time of transport due to:** _____

☐ **13. Other (specify):** _____

CERTIFICATION. I certify that the above information is true and correct based on my evaluation of this patient at or just prior to the time of transport, 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), the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and other payers to support the determination of medical necessity for ambulance services. I also certify that I am a representative of the facility initiating this order and that our institution has furnished care or other services to the above named patient in the past. In the event you are unable to obtain the signature of the patient or another authorized representative, my signature below is made on behalf of the patient pursuant to 42 CFR §424.36(b)(4).

☐ Single trip, date: _____ ☐ Round trip transport (pick up and drop off), date: _____ ☐ Repetitive transport, expiration date*: _____

_____ _____ _____

Signature of Licensed Medical Professional | Date Signed | Printed Name of Attending Physician (if not signed by the physician)

_____ Phone Number _____

Printed Name of Licensed Medical Professional

**Must be signed only by patient's attending physician for scheduled, repetitive transports, and in such cases is only valid for 60 days. For non-repetitive, unscheduled transports, if unable to obtain the signature of the attending physician, any of the following may sign (please check appropriate box below):*

☐ **Physician - MD/DO** ☐ **Physician Assistant** ☐ **Clinical Nurse Specialist** ☐ **Registered Nurse** ☐ **Nurse Practitioner** ☐ **Discharge Planner** ☐ **LTC Medical Director**