

Medical Necessity Certification Statement for Non-Emergency Ambulance Services

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Patient's Name: Date of Birth: Medicare #: Transport Date: Origin: Destination: Is the Patient's stay covered under Medicare Part A (PPS/DRG?) Closest appropriate facility? If hospital to hospital transfer, describe services needed at 2nd facility not available at 1st facility: If hospice Pt, is this transport related to Pt's terminal illness?

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 an ambulance is contraindicated by the patient's condition. The following questions must be answered by the healthcare 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:
2) Is this patient "bed confined" as defined below?
3) Can this patient safely be transported by car or wheelchair van (i.e., may safely sit during transport, without an attendant or monitoring?)
4) In addition to completing questions 1-3 above, please check any of the following conditions that apply*:

SECTION III - SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR OTHER AUTHORIZED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

I certify that the above information is accurate based on my evaluation of this patient, and that the medical necessity provisions of 42 CFR 410.40(e)(1) are met, requiring that this patient be transported by ambulance. I understand this information will be used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to support the determination of medical necessity for ambulance services.

If this box is checked, I also certify that the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing the ambulance service's claim form 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:

Signature of Physician* or Authorized 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 Authorized Healthcare Professional (MD, DO, RN, etc.)

*Form must be signed only by patient's attending physician for scheduled, repetitive transports. For non-repetitive 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, Licensed Practical Nurse, Case Manager, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Social Worker, Discharge Planner