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Tri-State Ambulance Physician Certification Statement

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SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION

Patient's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Medicare #: _____

Transport Date:_____ (valid for round trips on this date & for all repetitive trips in the 60-day range noted below for same ailment.)

Origin: _____ Destination: _____

Is the patient'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 hospital to hospital transfer, describe services needed at destination not available at originating facility: _____

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If hospice patient, is this transport related to their 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*

☐ IV meds/fluids required ☐ Oxygen required – unable to self-administer ☐ Hemodynamic monitoring required ☐ Cardiac monitoring required

☐ Contractures ☐ Non-healed fractures ☐ Patient is confused ☐ Patient is comatose ☐ Moderate/severe pain on movement

☐ Danger to self/other ☐ Patient is combative ☐ Need or possible need for restraints ☐ DVT requires elevation of a lower extremity

☐ Special handling/isolation/infection control precautions required ☐ Morbid obesity requires additional personnel/equipment to safely handle

☐ Unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair due to decubitus ulcers or other wounds ☐ Medical attendant required

☐ 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).

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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 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