

## AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR MEDICAL NECESSITY

A Physician Certification Statement (PCS) is required, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 410.40(d) (2) and (3), by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) on all scheduled and unscheduled non-emergency transports. (Please see below for signature requirements)

**\*Sections 1 - 4 MUST be completed in order for the form to be compliant with state and federal billing regulations.**

Section 1	PATIENT NAME:		DOB:	MEDICARE/MEDICAID ID:		
	TRANSPORTED FROM:		TRANSPORTED TO:		ROUND TRIP? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
	TYPE OF TRANSPORT: <input type="checkbox"/> ALS <input type="checkbox"/> BLS		FREQUENCY OF TRANSPORT:	TYPE OF ONGOING TREATMENT:		
	DATE(S) OF SERVICE:	ORDERING PHYSICIAN'S PRINTED NAME:			ORDERING PHYSICIAN'S NPI:	

Section 2	<b>PLEASE PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF THE PATIENT'S <u>MEDICAL CONDITION AT THE TIME OF TRANSPORT TO SUBSTANTIATE AMBULANCE MEDICAL NECESSITY.</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis: Hemi _____ Quad _____ Para _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unstable fractures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contractures: Upper _____ Lower _____ Both _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> DVT requires elevation of a lower extremity</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Moderate/severe pain on movement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Restraints (physical or chemical) anticipated or used during transport</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dementia <input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent Confusion <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Confusion</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Patient is confused, combative, lethargic, or comatose.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> IV meds/fluids required: _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ventilator Required</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac/hemodynamic monitoring required enroute</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chest Tube</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Orthopedic device (backboard, halo, use of pins in traction, etc.) requiring special handling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Morbid obesity requires additional personnel/equipment to safely handle patient</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Assistance/attendant required to apply, administer or regulate <b>oxygen</b> enroute</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b> _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><u>Common ED Reasons:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Higher Level of Care:</b> <i>(list the reason)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chest Pain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Acute MI</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICB</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stroke</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple trauma, (list injuries): _____</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specialty Care:</b> <i>(list the reason)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Danger to self or others</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Dx: _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Elopement Precautions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Peds: _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Section 3	<b><u>All three criteria</u> below must be met to qualify for "bed confinement".</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the patient unable to ambulate? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</li> <li>2. Is the patient unable to get out of bed without assistance? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</li> <li>3. Is the patient unable to safely sit up in a wheelchair? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>*if YES, complete 3-A. &amp; 3-B.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a. Unable to maintain erect sitting position in a chair for time needed to transport, due to moderate to severe muscular weakness and de-conditioning.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> b. Unable to sit in chair or wheelchair due to Stage II or greater decubitus ulcers. buttocks _____ coccyx _____ hip _____ other _____</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Is the patient bed confined?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please check or list the condition resulting in bed confinement above in section 2.</p>	

Section 4	<b>Physician Certification / Authorization: I certify that the information contained above represents an accurate assessment of the patient's medical condition on the date of service.</b>	
	<b>Printed Name W/Credentials:</b>	
	<b>Title:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Nurse Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Planner	
<b>Authorized Signature:</b>		<b>Date Signed:</b>

Medicare and Medicaid regulations state that only a Physician, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Registered Nurse, or discharge planner may sign the physician certification statement form.