



MAYVILLE AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE
Physician Certification Statement for Non-Emergency Ambulance Service

SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Medicare #: \_\_\_\_\_
Initial Transport Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Origin: \_\_\_\_\_
Repetitive Transport Expiration Date (Max 60 Days From Destination: \_\_\_\_\_
Date Signed): \_\_\_\_\_

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.

To be "bed confined" the patient must be: (1) unable to get up from bed without assistance; AND (2) unable to ambulate; AND (3) unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair.

(Note: All three of the above conditions must be met in order for the patient to qualify as bed confined)

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 above? [ ] Yes [ ] No
2) Describe the PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION of this patient AT THE TIME OF AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION that requires the patient to be transported on a stretcher in an ambulance and why transport by other means is contraindicated by the patient's condition:
3) Can this patient safely be transported in a wheelchair van (i.e., seated for the duration of the transport, and without a medical attendant)? [ ] Yes [ ] No
4) In addition to completing questions 1-3 above, please check any of the following conditions that apply\*:
[ ] Contractures [ ] Patient is confused, combative, lethargic, or comatose
[ ] Non-healed fractures [ ] Cardiac/hemodynamic monitoring required enroute
[ ] Moderate/severe pain on movement [ ] DVT requires elevation of a lower extremity
[ ] Danger to self/others [ ] Orthopedic device (backboard, halo, use of pins in traction, etc.) requiring special handling during transport
[ ] IV meds/fluids required [ ] Unable to maintain erect sitting position in a chair for time needed to transport
[ ] Special handling/isolation required [ ] Unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair due to Grade II or greater decubitus ulcers on buttocks
[ ] Third party assistance/attendant required to apply, administer or regulate or adjust oxygen enroute [ ] Morbid obesity requires additional personnel/equipment to safely handle patient
[ ] Restraints (physical or chemical) anticipated or used during transport

\*Note: supporting documentation for any boxes checked must be maintained in the patient's medical records

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 due to the reasons documented on this form. 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 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Physician\* or Healthcare Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

\*Form must be signed only by patient's attending physician for scheduled, repetitive transports. For non-repetitive, unscheduled ambulance transports, the form may be signed by any of the following if the attending physician is unavailable to sign (please check appropriate box below).

- [ ] Physician Assistant [ ] Clinical Nurse Specialist [ ] Registered Nurse [ ] Nurse Practitioner [ ] Discharge Planner