

**Physician Certification Statement for Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport**

Please fax completed form to Tennessee Carriers Inc. (901)-339-2182

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare #: \_\_\_\_\_

According to 42CFR 410.40 (d): Medical necessity requirements—(1) General rule. ...Nonemergency transportation by ambulance is appropriate if either: the beneficiary is bed-confined, and it is documented that the beneficiary's condition is such that the other methods of transportation are contraindicated; or, if his or her medical condition, regardless of bed confinement, is such that transportation by ambulance is medically required. Thus, bed confinement is not the sole criterion in determining the medical necessity of ambulance transportation. It is one factor that is considered in medical necessity determination. For a beneficiary to be considered bed-confined, all three of\* the following criteria must be met:

- (i) The beneficiary is unable to get up from bed without assistance
- (ii) The beneficiary is unable to ambulate
- (iii) The beneficiary is unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair.

(\*emphasis and test added)

**The person indicated below hereby certifies and states as follows:**

- 1) Is this patient "bed confined as defined in the CFR?      Yes    No  
Does patient have contractures?                                      Yes    No
- 2) Describe any other/additional conditions which require this patient to be transported via stretcher by licensed ambulance and crew. Please be specific as to why transport by other means would be detrimental to or contraindicated by the patient's condition:

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The following are some factors to consider, please check any of the following conditions that apply:

- Non-healed fractures (id so what location): \_\_\_\_\_
- Danger to self/others (if so why): \_\_\_\_\_
- IV meds/fluids or  oxygen (cannot self-administer) required
- Special handling/isolation required due to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Restraints (physical or chemical) anticipated or used during transport due to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Patient is confused, combative, lethargic, or comatose
- Cardiac or  hemodynamic monitoring required
- DVT requiring elevation of lowed extremity
- Orthopedic device requiring special handling during transport
- Patient unable to safely maintain sitting position in a wheelchair for duration of transport
- Decubitus ulcers causing pain during transport (id so, what location) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other causes of moderate to severe pain or movement due to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Morbid Obesity requires additional personnel/equipment to safely handle patient
- Other: Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

I am familiar with the patient identified above and certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. It is my medical opinion that for the reasons stated above the patient requires transport by ambulance

Signature of Physician\* or Healthcare Professional  
UPIN/Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (Note: for repetitive transports, this form is good for 60 Days unless otherwise indicated)

\*This form must be signed by patient's attending physician for scheduled, repetitive transports. For no repetitive, unscheduled ambulance transports, the form may be signed by any of the following who are familiar with patient if the attending physician is unavailable to sign (please check appropriate box below) (see 42CFR 410.40 (d)(2) and (d)(3))

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