PLACE STICKER HERE OR:

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

North East Mobile Health Services

MEDICAL NECESSITY

RUN #: _____

SECTION I – GENERAL INFORMATION

Transport Date: _____ (PCS is valid for round trips on this date and for all repetitive trips in the 60-day range as noted below.)

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 2ND facility not available at 1ST facility: _____

If hospice patient, is this transport related to patient's 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 the 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 position 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.

☐ Contractures ☐ Non-healed fractures ☐ Patient is confused & requires supervision ☐ Patient is comatose ☐ Moderate/severe pain on movement
☐ Danger to self/other ☐ Requires or may require medications/IV fluids or supplemental oxygen enroute at ___ lpm Dx _____
☐ Patient is combative ☐ Need or possible need for restraints ☐ DVT requires elevation of a lower extremity ☐ Medical attendant required
☐ Special handling/isolation/infection control precautions required ☐ Unable to tolerate seated position for time needed to transport due to _____
☐ Hemodynamic monitoring required enroute ☐ Unable to sit in a chair or wheelchair due to decubitus ulcers or other wounds
☐ Cardiac monitoring required enroute ☐ Morbid obesity requires additional personnel/equipment to safely handle patient
☐ Orthopedic device (backboard, halo, pins, traction, brace, wedge, etc.) require 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 the Physician* or Healthcare Professional **Date Signed**

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Printed Name and Credentials of the Physician* or Healthcare Professional (MD, DO, RN, etc.)

* Form must be signed only by the 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 the appropriate box below):

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