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Patient Submission Form

Section A: Insurance Information

Today's Date:
Patient name:
Health Plan:
Health Plan Type:
Health Plan Member ID #:
DOB:

Section B: Facility Information

Facility Name:
Facility Medicare #:
Facility NPI:
Date of Admission:
Revenue Code:

Section C: Coverage Criteria

Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) covers inpatient, non-religious, non-medical care when these conditions are met:

1. The RNHCI is currently certified to participate in Medicare. (See Facility Medicare # in Section B)
2. The RNHCI Utilization Review Committee (URC) will determine if this patient will require hospital level of care if they weren't in the RNHCI. (See Acute Level of Care Criteria in Section E)
3. A written election stating that the need for RNHCI care will be based on both eligibility and religious beliefs. The election must also state that if the patient decides to accept standard medical care, the RNHCI election will be cancelled and the patient may have to wait 1–5 years to be eligible for a new election to get RNHCI services. (See attached Election Form for Medicare)

<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/rnhci-items-and-services.html>

Section D: Patient Information

History (PMH)

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Admitting DX: R69 - illness, unspecified; Z53.1 - procedure and treatment not carried out because of patient's decision for reasons of belief

Identified Health Problems: [insert date]

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.

Vital Signs: Not applicable

Labs/Diagnostics: Not applicable

Care plan: [insert date]

RNHCI facilities do not diagnose or treat medically; and at the top of each page (in red) of the Patient Submission Form reference is made to statute, regulation, and the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual outlining the requirements for a RNHCI.

Christian Science nursing addresses and provides the best possible care to meet a patient's particular needs. This kind of care is given at the expressed wishes of the patient for a religious, non-medical form of care and requires a deep understanding of how to provide care that addresses specific patient needs with the expectation of progress and healing.

- 1.
- 2.
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- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Consults: All care provided by highly skilled Christian Science nurses and/or *Journal*-listed Christian Science nurses.

Consent: A notarized Election Form for Medicare will be faxed after admission.

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Section E: Pre-Certification Criteria for Acute Inpatient Level of Care		
Mandatory Criteria for Certification of Acute Level of Care in Christian Science Nursing Facility (Q1 to Q4 must be answered YES)	YES	NO
1. Patient has urgent and multiple care needs.		
2. Patient requires evaluation(s) and care plan(s) development by <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s) on a twenty-four (24) hours basis.		
3. The patient requires at least 300 minutes of care per day by <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s).		
4. Only <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s) manage patient care.		
Additional criteria: At least two (2) criteria of following additional criteria must be answered YES for Acute Level of Care:	YES	NO
1. The patient requires full bed care.		
2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s) to perform complex transfers, toileting, and/or positioning to reduce pain and avoid further injury.		
3. The patient requires extensive care because the patient has an obstructed airway or is requiring acute care to assure sufficient air intake.		
4. The patient requires extensive cleansing and bandaging of wound(s) several times daily.		
5. The patient has a mental condition and/or behavior that present a risk of significant harm to self or others.		

Signature

Date