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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: (enter revenue code(s) for range of dates)

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) agrees that patient would require skilled nursing facility care if they weren't in the RNHCI. (See Skilled Nursing Level of Care Criteria in Section E)
3. A written election stating that the need for RNHCI care is 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.

Update: [insert date]

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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.
- 3.
- 4.

Update: [insert date]

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

Consent: Upon admission, the patient signed a notarized Election Form for Medicare (see attached).

Section E: Pre-Certification Criteria for Skilled Christian Science Nursing Facility Services (insert date)

Questions 1 to 5 must be YES and there must be at least 1 YES to Q6a to Q6e:	YES	NO
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Medicare law requires Medicare Part A benefits be available to its enrollees for Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs). This benefit applies to people with Part A who qualify for hospital or skilled nursing facility care, but medical care isn't in agreement with their religious beliefs. The RNHCI benefit, as a Part A benefit, must be made available to Medicare Advantage enrollees. This is made clear in statute, regulation, and the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual. Federal law, 42 U.S.C. § 1395w-22(a)(1); 42 C.F.R. § 422.101(a)

1. The patient requires inpatient skilled Christian Science nursing services on a daily basis that must be performed by, or under the supervision of <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s).		
2. The patient requires skilled Christian Science nursing services to improve their condition and/or prevent deterioration in the patient's illness or injury.		
3. The patient requires a care plan that will be developed, managed, monitored, and evaluated daily by a <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse.		
4. The care plan includes goals and objectives for improvement, discharge plans and planned interventions.		
5. The patient has health problems requiring 35% or more direct care delivered by a skilled Christian Science nurse.		
6. For skilled Christian Science nursing (at least 1 YES for Q6a to Q6e)		
a. The patient requires observation, assessment and monitoring .		
b. The patient and/or caregiver require complex teaching services .		
c. The patient requires extensive care due to an obstructed airway or is requiring acute care to assure sufficient air intake .		
d. The patient requires cleansing and bandaging of wound(s) several times daily.		
e. The patient has a mental condition and/or behavior that present a risk of significant harm to self or others .		
Along with Criteria 1 to 6, the following Level of Care criteria must be met based on the applicable Revenue Code:	YES	NO
<i>For Subacute Level IV (Revenue Code 0194) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q2</i>		
1. The patient has 2 or more health problems that will require a minimum of 720 minutes of patient care within a 7 day period be delivered by <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s).		

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<p>2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver care at least 5 days of care for a health problem and at least 3 days of care for a separate health problem.</p>		
<p><i>For Subacute Level III (Revenue Code 0193) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q2</i></p>		
<p>1. The patient has 2 or more health problems that will require a minimum of 500 minutes of patient care within a 7 day period be delivered by <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s).</p>		
<p>2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver a minimum of 5 days of care for 1 category of health problem within any 7 day facility stay.</p>		
<p><i>For Subacute Level II (Revenue Code 0192) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q2</i></p>		
<p>1. The patient has 2 or more health problems that will require a minimum of 325 minutes of patient care within a 7 day period be delivered by <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s).</p>		
<p>2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver a minimum of 325 minutes of patient care within 5 days of any 7 day period in the facility.</p>		
<p><i>For Subacute Level I (Revenue Code 0191) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q3</i></p>		
<p>1. The patient has 1 or more health problems that require intermittent management by a <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse.</p>		
<p>2. The patient requires at least 150 minutes of patient care by <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science(s), within a 7 day period.</p>		
<p>3. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver a minimum of 150 minutes of patient care within 5 days of any 7 day period in the facility.</p>		

Section F: Utilization Management Criteria for Skilled Christian Science Nursing Facility Services (insert date)

<p>Questions 1 to 5 must be YES and there must be at least 1 YES to Q6a to Q6e:</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>NO</p>
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1. The patient requires inpatient skilled Christian Science nursing services on a daily basis that must be performed by, or under the supervision of <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s).		
2. The patient requires skilled Christian Science nursing services to improve their condition and/or prevent deterioration in the patient's illness or injury.		
3. The patient requires a care plan that will be developed, managed, monitored, and evaluated daily by a <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse.		
4. The care plan includes goals and objectives for improvement, discharge plans and planned interventions.		
5. The patient has health problems requiring 35% or more direct care delivered by a skilled Christian Science nurse.		
6. For Skilled Christian Science nursing (at least 1 YES for Q6a to Q6e)		
a. The patient requires observation, assessment and monitoring .		
b. The patient and/or caregiver require complex teaching services .		
c. The patient requires extensive care due to an obstructed airway or is requiring acute care to assure sufficient air intake .		
d. The patient requires cleansing and bandaging of wound(s) several times daily.		
e. The patient has a mental condition and/or behavior that present a risk of significant harm to self or others .		
Along with Criteria 1 to 6, the following Level of Care criteria must be met based on the applicable Revenue Code:	YES	NO
<i>For Subacute Level IV (Revenue Code 0194) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q2</i>		
1. The patient has 2 or more health problems that will require a minimum of 720 minutes of patient care within a 7 day period be delivered by <i>Journal</i> -listed Christian Science nurse(s).		

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<p>2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver care at least 5 days of care for a health problem and at least 3 days of care for a separate health problem.</p>		
<p><i>For Subacute Level III (Revenue Code 0193) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q2</i></p>		
<p>1. The patient has 2 or more health problems that will require a minimum of 500 minutes of patient care within a 7 day period be delivered by <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s).</p>		
<p>2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver a minimum of 5 days of care for 1 category of health problem within any 7 day facility stay.</p>		
<p><i>For Subacute Level II (Revenue Code 0192) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q2</i></p>		
<p>1. The patient has 2 or more health problems that will require a minimum of 325 minutes of patient care within a 7 day period be delivered by <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s).</p>		
<p>2. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver a minimum of 325 minutes of patient care within 5 days of any 7 day period in the facility.</p>		
<p><i>For Subacute Level I (Revenue Code 0191) all answers must be YES to Q1 to Q3</i></p>		
<p>1. The patient has 1 or more health problems that require intermittent management by a <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse.</p>		
<p>2. The patient requires at least 150 minutes of patient care by <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science(s), within a 7 day period.</p>		
<p>3. The patient requires <i>Journal</i>-listed Christian Science nurse(s) to deliver a minimum of 150 minutes of patient care within 5 days of any 7 day period in the facility.</p>		

Signature

Date