

# Physician Communication of Change in Resident Function



Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

| Eating / Self Feeding                |                                                           | Cognitive                               | Physical Function |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Food falls out of mouth              | Difficulty following cues                                 | Decreased coordination                  |                   |
| Cannot or will not chew              | Difficulty with memory, sequencing, problem solving tasks | Decreased functional activity tolerance |                   |
| Unable to cut food                   | Unable to communicate needs                               | Decreased leg ROM/strength              |                   |
| Cannot lift utensils                 |                                                           | Decreased arm ROM/strength              |                   |
| Poor lip closure/drooling            | Grooming / Hygiene                                        | Significant weight loss                 |                   |
| Difficulty feeding self              | Difficulty bathing self                                   | Hand/arm/leg/foot contractures          |                   |
| Food coming out of nose              | Unable to clean self after toileting                      | Shakes or tremors                       |                   |
| Unable to open containers            | Difficulty dressing                                       | Physiological Changes                   |                   |
| Vomiting at/after meals or heartburn | Difficulty combing hair, brushing teeth, or washing face  | Swelling in                             |                   |
| Food residue in cheeks               | Posture                                                   | Pain in                                 |                   |
| Coughing at/after meals              | Poor neck trunk control                                   | Skin breakdown in                       |                   |
| Difficulty swallowing medication     | Unable to sit upright in wheelchair                       | Dizziness, vestibular, orthostasis      |                   |
| Transfers                            | Difficulty looking to side                                | Other Observations                      |                   |
| Difficulty transferring              | Bends over while walking                                  |                                         |                   |
| Unable to move self in bed           | Safety                                                    |                                         |                   |
| Unable to get in/out of bed          | Frequent falls                                            |                                         |                   |
| Unable to get on/off toilet          | Balance loss sitting/standing                             |                                         |                   |
| Ambulation                           | Decreased vision                                          |                                         |                   |
| Increased assistance with walking    | Poor safety awareness                                     |                                         |                   |
|                                      | Poor technique with walker, cane, or wheelchair           |                                         |                   |

## Communication to Physician

To prevent further decline and/or improve function, we are requesting orders for outpatient therapy to evaluate and treat for the following checked disciplines: ☐ PT ☐ OT ☐ ST

*Below to be completed by physician (please complete all highlighted areas):*

Orders to evaluate and treat for the above checked disciplines is: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician NPI: \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions or additional information \_\_\_\_\_