HIV DISEASE- Initial

Guideline Worksheet for Determining Terminal Prognosis – HIV Disease – Initial Certification

Patient Name: _________________________________________  ID# _________________  Certification Date: _______________

The following criteria will support a prognosis of six months or less if the terminal illness runs its normal course for patients with HIV Disease on initial certification.

Non-disease specific baseline guidelines: (both 1 and 2 should be met)

1) Physiologic impairment of function status: See Disease Specific Guideline #2 below

2) Dependence on assistance for 2 or more activities of daily living (ADLs):
   - Feeding
   - Ambulation
   - Continence
   - Transfer
   - Bathing
   - Dressing
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Disease Specific Guidelines:
Guidelines 1 and 2 should be present:

1) □ CD4+ Count < 25 cells/mcl
   - or
   □ Persistent (2 or more assays at least one month apart) viral load > 100,000 copies/ml
   Plus one (1) of the following:
   - CNS lymphoma
   - Untreated, or persistent despite treatment, wasting (loss of at least 10% lean body mass)
   - Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) bacteremia, untreated, unresponsive to treatment, or treatment refused
   - Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
   - Systemic lymphoma, with advanced HIV disease and partial response to chemotherapy
   - Visceral Kaposi’s sarcoma unresponsive to therapy
   - Renal failure in absence of dialysis
   - Cryptosporidium infection
   - Toxoplasmosis, unresponsive

2) Decreased performance status, as measured by the Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) Scale, of <50%
   KPS Score: ____________________%

3) Documentation of the following factors will support (but is not required) eligibility for hospice care:
   - Chronic persistent diarrhea for one year
   - Persistent serum albumin <2.5 gm/dl
   - Concomitant, active substance abuse
   - Age > 50 years
   - Absence of, or resistance to effective antiretroviral, chemotherapeutic and prophylactic drug therapy related specifically to HIV disease
   - Advanced AIDS dementia complex
   - Congestive heart failure (CHF), symptomatic at rest
   - Advanced liver disease

Comorbidities: A diagnosis that is not the primary hospice diagnosis nor related to the primary hospice diagnosis, but the presence and severity of such disease is likely to contribute to a life expectancy of 6 months or less. Such diseases are not related to the hospice diagnosis and do not therefore imply financial responsibility under the hospice benefit.

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Renal failure
- Congestive heart failure (CHF)
- Liver Disease
- Neoplasia
- Neurological disease (CVA, ALS, MS, Parkinson’s)
- Ischemic heart disease
- Dementia

Form completed by: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________________

The word “should” in the disease specific guidelines means that on medical review the guideline so identified will be given great weight in making coverage determination but does not mean, however, that meeting the guideline is obligatory.