Terminal Stage of Cancer
Required: 1 (or) 2
1. PPS < 70%; Disease with distant metastases at presentation of:
   Bone, Liver, Lung, Brain, Other
2. Progression from an earlier stage of disease to metastatic disease with
   either of the following:
   a. Continuous decline despite therapy (OR)
   b. Pt. terminates disease-directed therapy

Cardiopulmonary Conditions
Cardiac Disease: 1 & 2 should be present
1. Optimally treated with diuretics & vasodilators
   (ACE inhibitors); If not, must document why:
2. Class IV of NY Heart Association (unable to carry out physical
   activity without symptoms increasing, Symptoms present at rest)
3. Unstable angina present at rest, resistant to nitrates or declines invasive procedures

Pulmonary Disease: ALL are required
1. Disabling dyspnea at rest, poor or unresponsive to bronchodilators
   resulting in decreased functional capacity, e.g. bed to chair existence, fatigue and cough
2. Decrease in FEV 1 < 30% if available
3. Progression of end stage pulmonary disease, as evidenced by prior
   increasing visits to the ER or current / prior hospitalizations over
   previous 6 months &/or last benefit period for respiratory
   infections &/or respiratory failure
4. Hypoxemia at rest on room air, as evidenced by ≤55 mmHg or
   ≤88% on supplemental oxygen
5. Hypercapnia with >50 mmHg, if available

Terminal Stage ALS
Required: 1, 2 & 3 (or) 1 & 4
1. Rapid progression of disease as demonstrated by progression from:
   a. Ambulation to wheelchair or bed-bound status
   b. Normal to barely intelligible or unintelligible speech
   c. Normal to Pureed diet
   d. Independent in most / all ADL’s to needing major assistance
   from caregivers with ADL’s
2. Critically impaired breathing capacity:
   a. Vital Capacity < 30% of normal
   b. Significant Dyspnea at rest
   c. Declines artificial ventilation; external ventilation used for
      comfort measures only
3. Critical nutritional impairment:
   a. Oral intake of nutrients and fluids insufficient to sustain life
   b. Continued weight loss
   c. Dehydration or Hypovolemia
   d. Absence of artificial feeding methods
4. Life-threatening complications as evidenced by:
   a. Recurrent aspiration Pneumonia
   b. Upper UTI
   c. Sepsis
   d. Recurrent fever after antibiotics
   e. Decubitus ulcers, Stage III-IV

End Stage Renal Disease
Required: 1 & 2 or 1 & 3
1. Discontinuation or refusal of dialysis or renal transplant
2. Creatinine clearance < 10 cc/min (< 15 cc/min for diabetes) or
   <15cc/min (< 20 cc/min for diabetics) with co-morbidity of CHF
3. Serum Creatinine > 8.0 mg/dl (> 6.0 mg/dl for diabetics)

Adult Failure to Thrive
ALL are required:
1. BMI < 22 kg/m2
2. PPS < 40%
3. Unresponsive to or declining enteral / parenteral nutritional support

HIV
ALL are required:
1. CD4 ÷ Count < 25 cells/mcL or persistent viral load
   >100,000 copies/ml, plus ONE of the following:
   a. CNS Lymphoma;
   b. Untreated, or unresponsive to treatment, wasting (loss of 33%
      lean body mass);
   c. MAC Infection, untreated, unresponsive to treatment;
   d. Cryptosporidium infection;
   e. Systemic lymphoma; with advanced HIV disease
   f. Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy;
   g. Visceral Kaposi’s Sarcoma, unresponsive to therapy;
   h. Toxoplasmosis, unresponsive to therapy;
   i. Renal failure without dialysis.
2. PPS < 50%

Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders:
1. FAST Scale (> 7 is required by the LCD)
   7a: limited ability to speak (1 - 5 words a day)
   7b: all intelligible vocabulary is lost
   7c: non-ambulatory
   7d: unable to sit up independently
   7e: unable to smile
   7f: unable to hold head up
   2. Secondary conditions (at least ONE within the past 12 months):
      a. Aspiration pneumonia;
      b. Pyelonephritis or other upper UTL;
      c. Septicemia;
      d. Decubitus ulcers, Stage III-IV;
      e. 10% weight loss or albumin < 2.5 gm/dl;
      f. Delirium.

End Stage Liver Disease
ALL are required:
1. Prothrombin time prolonged more than 5 sec over control
   (OR) INR > 1.5
2. Serum albumin < 2.5
3. Pt shows at least ONE of the following:
   a. Ascites, refractory to treatment or Pt non-compliant
   b. Sponataneous bacterial peritonitis;
   c. Hepatorenal syndrome (elevated creatinine and BUN with
      oliguria <400 cc/day and urine sodium < 10 mEq);
   d. Hepatic encephalopathy (decreased awareness, disturbed sleep,
      depressed, emotionally labile, somnolence, slurred speech);
   e. Recurrent varical bleeding despite intensive therapy.

Stroke and Coma
Stroke: 1 & 2 required
1. PPS < 40%
2. Inability to maintain hydration and caloric intake with one of the
   following:
   a. Wt loss > 10% during previous 6 months (or)
   b. Wt loss > 7.5% in previous 3 months
   c. Serum albumin < 2.5 gm/dl
   d. Current history of pulmonary aspiration without effective
      response to speech language pathology intervention to improve
      Dysphagia and decrease aspiration events
   e. Calorie counts documenting inadequate caloric / fluid intake

Coma:
any 3 of the following on day 3
1. Abnormal brain stem response
2. Absent withdrawal response to pain
3. Absent verbal response
4. Serum Creatinine > 1.5 mg/dl