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## Hospice for Cerebral Vascular Accident/ Stroke or Coma

### The Patient has A and B:

**A. Poor functional status with Palliative Performance Scale\* of 40% or less (unable to care for self)**

**B. Poor nutritional status with inability to maintain sufficient fluid and calorie intake with either:**

- > 10% weight loss over the previous six (6) months
- > 7.5% weight loss over the previous three (3) months
- Serum albumin <2.5 gm/dl
- Current history of pulmonary aspiration without effective response to speech language pathology interventions to improve dysphagia and decrease aspiration events

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**Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:**

Coma (any etiology) with three (3) of the following on the third (3rd) day of coma:

- Abnormal brain stem response
  - Absent verbal responses
- Absent withdrawal response to pain
  - Serum creatinine >1.5 gm/dl

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**In the absence of one or more of these findings, rapid decline or comorbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.**

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