

## Hospice for Myasthenia Gravis

### The patient must meet at least one criteria (A or B):

#### A. Severely impaired breathing capacity with all of the following findings:

- Dyspnea at rest
- Vital capacity less than 30%
- The requirement of supplemental oxygen at rest
- The patient declines artificial ventilation

**OR**

#### B. Rapid disease progression and either I. or II. below:

- Progression from independent ambulation to wheelchair or bed-bound status
- Progression from normal to barely intelligible or unintelligible speech
- Progression from normal to pureed diet
- Progression from independence in most or all Activities of Daily Living (ADL) to needing major assistance by caretaker in all ADL

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#### I. Severe nutritional impairment demonstrated by all of the following in the preceding twelve (12) months:

- Oral intake of nutrients and fluids insufficient to sustain life
- continuing weight loss
- Dehydration or hypovolemia
- Absence of artificial feeding

#### II. Life-threatening complications demonstrated by one or more of the following in the preceding twelve (12) months:

- Recurrent aspiration pneumonia ( w/ or w/o tube feedings)
- Upper urinary tract infection (e.g., Pyelonephritis)
- Sepsis
- Recurrent fever after antibiotic therapy
- Stage 3 or Stage 4 decubitus ulcer(s)

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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.