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## Hospice for Parkinson's Disease

### 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 proceeding 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 proceeding 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.**

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