

CTI Physician Tip Sheet

The physician narrative is a brief description of the patient’s clinical findings that supports a life expectancy of 6 months or less. It should clearly demonstrate evidence of the patient’s decline using both objective and subjective findings and be unique to each patient as well as unique to each benefit period.

Recommended Patient Descriptors:

- Age/gender
- Diagnosis
- Disease specific LCD criteria
- PMHX and/or pertinent comorbid conditions
- Explanation of decline over the last 3-6 months, up to 1 year
- Code Status
- Information from recent FTF if available

Functional Decline	Cognitive Decline	Nutritional Decline
Falls	FAST score changes	Weight loss (# over time)
Incontinence	Confusion/forgetfulness	MAC decrease (# over time)
Infections (PNA, UTI, skin)	Hallucinations	BMI decrease (# over time)
Wounds	Increasing behaviors/agitation	Decreased po intake (i.e. was eating 50% TID meals, now eating 25% BID meals)
PPS, FAST (dementia)	Mentation change	Diet order changes (consistency, frequency, etc)
Placement in a facility for additional care		